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Wassup, homegirls? Big boss Sam's off havin' her toenails buffed at a swank health spa – sorry, I mean she's a bit busy at the mo' – so I'll be your master of ceremonies for the next few weeks. And strewth, do we have a celeb-studded prize salmon of an issue for you this week.

We've got (deep breath) a posse of real-life soapsters on p6, silver-screen stud muffin Johnathon Schaech on p8, a celeb modelling masterclass on p14, pouting popster Kavana on p28 and, er, Chelsea Clinton on p32. Hey, we've got more stars than Matthew Kelly's address book!

So get your laughin' gear round this little lot and I'll see ya next Wednesday.

Michael X.

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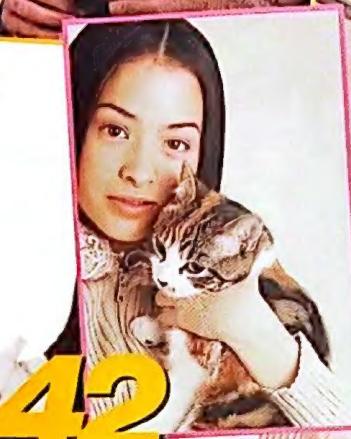
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Colour me rad

Last summer it was citrus, and in autumn it was brown. But what the jiggins is gonna be the new black for '97? Take a look at our predictions and see if you agree...

★ **Grey** Gunmetal's a pretty groovy shade, but it ain't exactly the most upbeat of colours. It means we can blend in with grey winter skies though!

★ **Pink** Hmm, we're not entirely sold on this one, but according to our fashion peeps, this girly shade's gonna be all over us like a rash this summer.

★ **Sand** We're gonna have a beige protest until the new Oasis album comes out. Yup, we're going to wear nothing but desert-coloured tones until we see Liam shimmering in the distance.

★ **Sludge greens** If '96 was about delish colours - cappuccino, toffee, chocolate an' all - then '97's about healthy hues. Shades of pureed spinach and mushy peas may not look great, but by 'eck you'll feel better for it!

★ **Black** What goes around comes around, and after six months in exile, we can't wait to bring back the black.



Nude dude

Keep talons tasty in this 'good enough to eat' selection of nail polish from **Warehouse £8**. Shades to lust after include such delicacies as 'Opalescent ice' and 'Rich rum'. Yummy!

Hurrah for **Sara 'n' Lara** as they work the bedhead look and yawn...

what a w

Under a fiver

Winter needn't be dull with these dazzling yellow keyrings. They're available from **Miss Selfridge** for the paltry price of £1.50 each.



Fryin' tonight

Fancy a change on the choccy front? Then unwrap yer Mars bar and drop it in a deep-fat frier until there's a coating of batter around it. Mmm! This little delicacy hails from Scotland, and now the rest of Britain's finally catching on. Watch out for it at a chippy near you!



Hi ho silver

Silver never goes out of fashion, and these four fab necklaces are well worth sticking your neck out for! 1 and 2: £3.50 each from **River Island** * 3: £3.99 and 4: £7.99 from **Oasis**. from **Freedom** at **Top Shop** * 4: £7.99 from **Oasis**.

Do call me babe

Make your mate's day by sending her one of these cute babe cards from **Woolworths**.

Each pack contains eight colourful notelets and envelopes, for the bargain price of £2.29.

Now that's summat to smile about.



This pack contains 8 notecards and 8 envelopes.

Word up!

Ma-ers (idiom)

Origin: Once upon a time, ma-ers was 'matters', but gradually our friends in the south of England dropped the 't's. **Definition:** It's like 'bothered', only more so, and it's the best way of chieffing out someone who won't give their gob a rest. **Usage:** "In the current climate of political uncertainty, what d'you think of the government's health policy?" "Ma-ers."



They wrote it, we quote it

Q: Why can't men get Mad Cow Disease?
A: Because they're all pigs!

The latest girl-power giggler doing the rounds of the J17 office



Hats off...

...to the Hat Shop for their dinky range of beanie bonce coverers. From coloured hearts £13.75, to luxury purple Lurex £17.85 and denim riff-tail berets £14.50, it almost makes winter bearable! Available by mail order, tel: 0171-836 6718 for details.

Sizzling!



Re-vamping the posterage in your boudoir

A change is as good as a rest

Thinsulate gloves

The boys in the J17 office insist they're the next-best thing to a girlfriend when it comes to keeping their hands warm!

Fiery foods

You can't beat a Balti in this weather

Cheating on Jared Leto by smogging Johnathon Schaech

In our dreams, that is

Real fires

Toasty 'n' roasty

Brad Pitt's bits

Trust us, we've seen 'em!

Dani Dares

Oh go away, you annoying woman!

Aerobics

Life's too short

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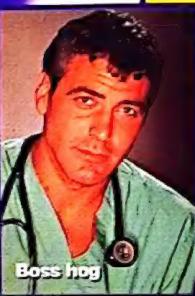
Like, haven't teachers heard of a social life?

The batteries running out on your Walkman

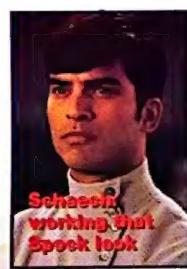
It always happens on the best track

Parmesan cheese

Nice taste, shame about the smell!



Boss hog



Schaech working that Speck look

Fizzing!

Gossip...

with celeb queen Ad



Some celebs just have no manners. Take *ER* sauce-doc **George Clooney**. He was invited

to a party recently and took along his pot-bellied pig Max as his date. Bet they made right hogs of themselves at the buffet! ★ Fellow *Batman And Robin* star **Alicia Silverstone** apparently has

to be slid into her skintight Batgirl costume. Rumour has it the *Clueless* babe has put on so much weight, the wardrobe department have to grease her entire body to fit the suit ★ **Pamela Anderson Lee** and her hubby have renewed their marriage vows. **Tommy** turned up for the ceremony on a horse, dressed in medieval armour, while our Pam

was more trad, with a white wedding dress. The two then did a lap of honour on the gee-gee to celebrate ★ The latest goss on the **Brad Pitt** and **Gwyneth Paltrow** nuptials is that it was actually Gwynnie

who went down on bended knee – on Bradley's 33rd birthday. Go, Gwyn! ★ On a Spice tip, Ginger **Geri** might be famous, but her ma refuses to give up her cleaning job at Watford's Harlequin Shopping Centre. Wonder if she does her daughter's room, or makes Geri do it herself? ★ Meanwhile, rumour has it that the Spicers have got **Jarvis Cocker** in their sights as a possible collaborator. Jarvis? An honorary power girl? He'd have been called Old Spice! ★ Top babe **Uma Thurman** and actor-cum-director-cum-novelist **Ethan Hawke** are said to be playing kiss-chase. All Ethan will say is, "I'm crazy about her. She's one of the most spectacular women I've ever met." Lucky old Uma.

Spotted: **John Hendy** sporting an ankle-length padded coat in London's Covent Garden, **Jade Jagger** (Mick's daughter) at Goldie's Metalheadz club and **Brookie's Susannah Farnham** choosing G-strings in a swank lingerie shop. **'Til next week!**

'What a week!' was written to the sounds of Busta Rhymes' *The Coming*, Nas' *Street Dreams*, Massive Attack's *Blue Lines*, Kenickie's *In Your Car* and Kavana's *I Can Make You Feel Good*.

Ooh those soap operas, they're nothing like real life. Or are they? Meet five readers who reckon they're living soap suds...

Robbie Jackson from EastEnders

(aka Paul Massey, 17)

"My best friend is my dog, so I can really sympathise with Robbie. I have a Labrador called Casper and he's the business. He's faithful, never moans at me and is always at my side. He's better than any human, but he has got a proper lead – I couldn't bear to see him on a piece of string like Robbie's Wellard. I reckon Robbie's quite sensitive. He once tried to turn veggie, and after seeing a TV programme about

animal slaughterhouses, I decided to try it too. It didn't last but some of the girls at school were quite impressed 'cause they thought I was kind and thoughtful. But it didn't get me a girlfriend. Still, I'm not really bothered. Casper's better looking than most girls I meet!"

Paul's advice to Robbie

"Wash! If you cleaned your face occasionally you might not get so many spots."



We're real-life soaper-he

Jacqui Dixon from Brookside

(aka Lisa Slack, 15)

"It's really flattering that people think I'm like Jacqui Dixon. She's strong, knows what she wants in life and works hard to get it. I'm pretty businesslike too, but I reckon I'm even more ambitious than Jacqui. My aim is to run my own nursery when I'm older and I normally stick to my plans.

My mates come straight to me when they need help, 'cause I tell them straight and give them good, mature advice. When my friend's nan died I was the only person she wanted to see 'cause she knew I'd be able to calm her down as I'm pretty sorted in an emergency. Perhaps I should start charging for my help and advice – it could be another business venture!"

Lisa's advice to Jacqui "Chill out. You're always getting stressed, but making money isn't everything, y'know."





Bianca Jackson from EastEnders (aka Emma Middleton, 17)

"Bianca is bossy and moody and I can be quite like her. Still, it's better than being a wimp. Bianca has had to fight to get respect on the market and to get Ricky to appreciate her, and I'm quite prepared to do the same. I'm also ready to do battle for my friends.

Especially if they've got boyfriends like Grant Mitchell! I do get accused of interfering, but I'm only trying to help out.

Being like Bianca isn't

always fun, though. A while ago I found out my boyfriend of the time was having a secret affair with my best mate. It was just like the time when Ricky had a fling with Bianca's friend Natalie. In the end, like Bianca, I dumped my friend and got back together with my boyfriend, but the whole thing was a bit of a nightmare.

All in all, though, I'm perfectly happy to be like Bianca. I just wish I earned as much dosh as she does, that's all!"

Emma's advice to Bianca

"Don't get married to Ricky. He's quite sweet, but he's sooo stupid!"

Leo Johnson from Brookside (aka Benji Wright, 14)

"Leo went through a really tough time when he was being bullied at school, and I know how he felt. I used to have dreadlocks and some of the older girls at school gave me loads of hassle about them. In the end, the bullying got so bad I cut my dreads off. I just couldn't put up with the teasing any more.

One of the big things in Leo's life is his relationship with his dad Mick - I'm the same. My mum and dad split up when I was younger. It was hard to deal

with so I withdrew into myself. But gradually I learned to live with it and now everything's loads better.

I live with my mum but I've still got a great relationship with my dad. I really look up to him and we help each other out. I just hope he doesn't get hooked on weight-training like Leo's dad!"

Benji's advice to Leo

"Stop being so shy and let your inner strengths shine through."

Tiffany Mitchell from EastEnders (aka Natalie Eaton, 15)

"I'm a real good-time girl. I love looking good, having a laugh and eyeing up blokes. I always speak my mind, like Tiff, even though it can get me into trouble. I take no nonsense from anyone. People think I'm a bit hard but it's just 'cause I hide my feelings. If someone upsets me, I pretend I don't care.

The best thing about me is I'm a loyal and true friend. When my mate had to go into hospital recently I stayed with her all week.

I could have been out partying but I wanted to make sure she was OK.

The only difference between me and Tiffany is that she's pregnant and I'd never get myself into that situation!"

Natalie's advice to Tiffany

"Forget Grant - run off with Joe Instead. He's gorgeous!"



SCHAECH, RATTLE 'N' ROLL

HE'S THE AMERICAN WHO MADE US WILT IN *HOW TO MAKE AN AMERICAN QUILT* AND NOW TOP TOTTY JOHNATHON SCHAECH'S STARRING IN '60S ROCK FLICK *THAT THING YOU DO*. J17 SHARED SOME QUALITY TIME WITH THE STUD MUFFIN SUPREME...

THE LOW DOWN

Name JOHNATHON SCHAECH

Age 27.

Star sign Virgo.

Acting action *How To Make An American Quilt*, arty film *Doom Generation* and the even more arty *The Sparrow*. Now starring in *That Thing You Do*, about '60s pop stars The Wonders. **That thing he does** Plays lead singing spunkster Jimmy.

Fave food Spaghetti and meatballs.

What's on his stereo Rodgers and Hammerstein's soundtrack to *South Pacific*. **What's under his bed** Old girlfriends!

Guy hero Tom Hanks.

Girl hero Rita Wilson (Tom Hanks' wifey).

Last film seen *The English Patient*.

He can't live without Water.

Fascinating fact He once bleached his lush locks for a part in a not-very-good flick.

So, Mr Schaech, there you are studying law at university, when all of a sudden you decide to become an actor. What's goin' on?

"I couldn't stand studying. I hated having to glue myself to my books before a test. Acting was just a dream so I decided to move to California. I got an acting coach who was very inspiring and sparked it all off."

You modelled and also had a role in satellite soap *Models Inc.* Were you worried you'd play eye-candy for ever more?

"My character in *Models Inc.* wasn't a model, he was a stalker. I usually play nasty guys in films and I like playing diverse characters. It wasn't a very good show but I learned a lot from it, like how to get things right on the first take – I knew I wouldn't get a second try."

In your modelling shots you have a smooth chest, but in *How To Make An American Quilt* you sport some fine body hair. Did you wax your pecs?

"You mean the modelling shots I did with Bruce Weber (*snoot photographer*)? I was 19 then. I've grown some hair since. I was a lot more muscular then, though!"

You had to learn to play a guitar for the part of Jimmy in *That Thing You Do*. Was it tricky?

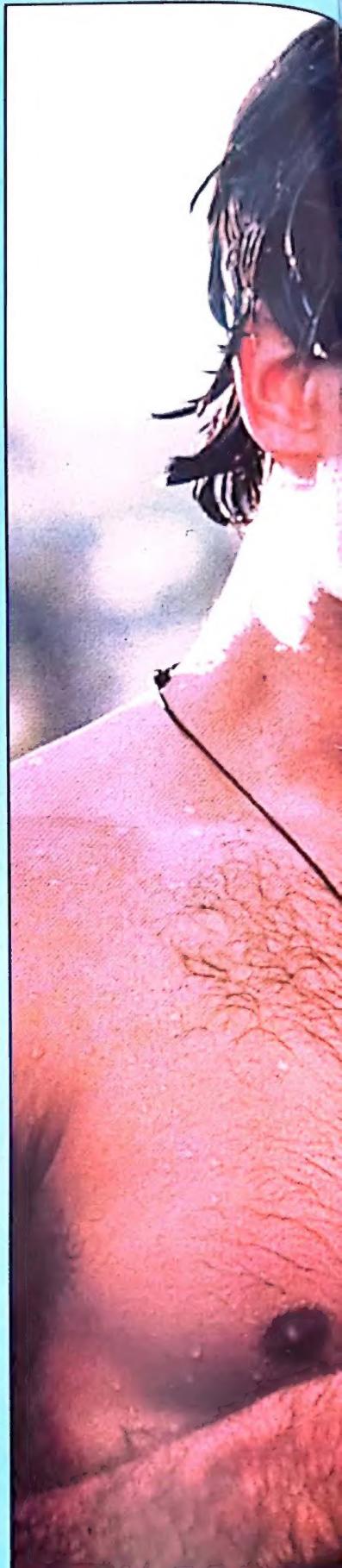
"I had to learn how to play the guitar and sing – it was like trying to rub my chest and pat my head at the same time. But I worked really hard at it. You don't hear me sing in the film though, they used a computerised voice."

Who was your pop idol as a kid?

"John Lennon. I'd love to have been in The Beatles right from the start, although I wouldn't like to wind up getting shot like he did."

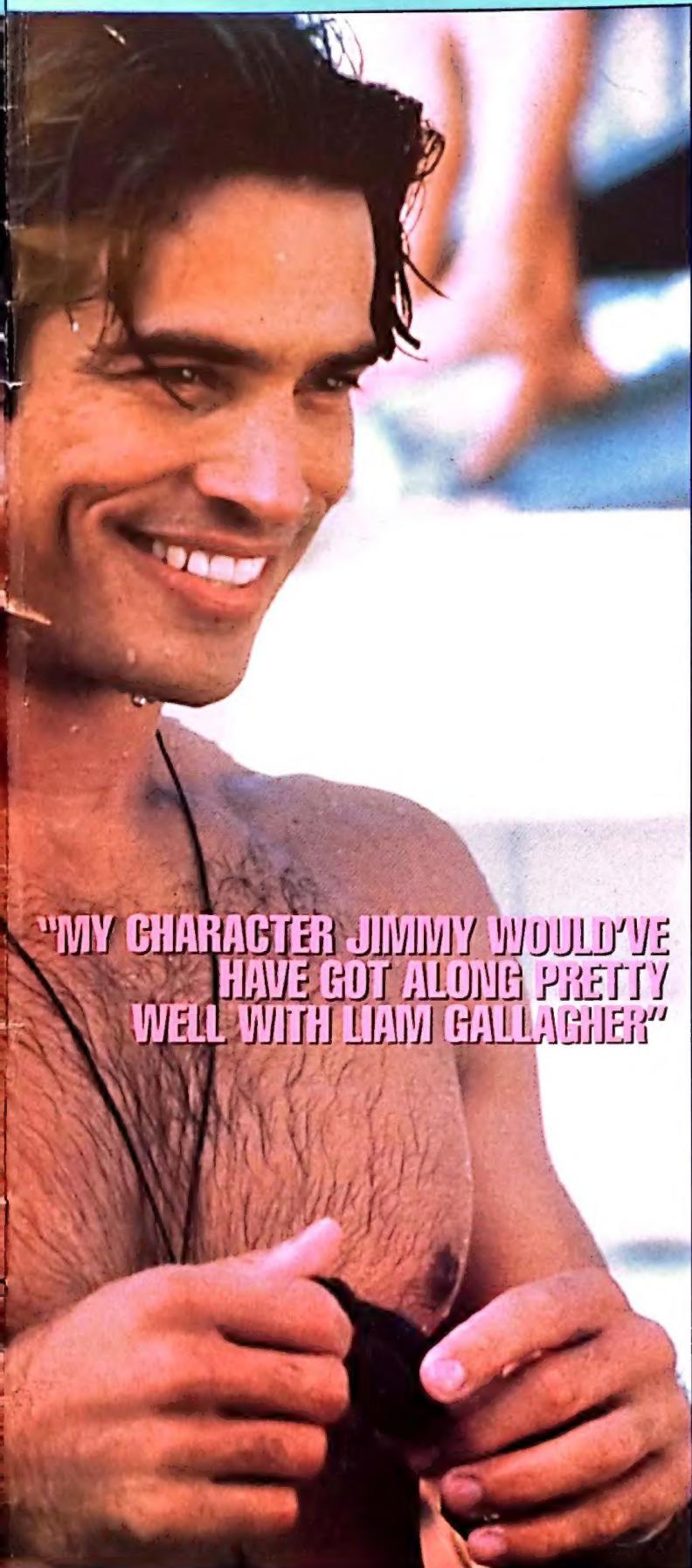


Little Jimmy doin' his guitar thang



What bands do you dig at the moment?

"Oasis, I love them. And I can't help thinking that Jimmy, my character in *That Thing You Do*, would have got along pretty well with Liam Gallagher!"



"MY CHARACTER JIMMY WOULD'VE HAVE GOT ALONG PRETTY WELL WITH LIAM GALLACHER"

You have to wear a really embarrassing sailor suit in the film. How did you feel about that?

"I think I expressed my disgust in my work! It was a blast filming the beach scene though – we rode

beach buggies all day. If anybody wanted to use their mobile phone, they had to stand on this one rock in the middle of the sea, because it was the only place they could get a decent reception. That was fun!"

ROCKER FELLAS

Johnathon Schaech ain't the only totty in *That Thing You Do*, y'know! Take a gander at these two other specimens of spunkiness...



Tom EVERETT SCOTT
That Thing You Do
Age 26
Star sign Scorpio.
Fave food Swordfish steak.
What's on his stereo Rage Against The Machine's *Evil Empire*.
What's under his bed Lint.
Guy hero Tom Hanks.
Grl hero My girlfriend.
Last film seen Bottle Rockie.
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Steve ZAHN
That Thing You Do Plays guitarist and all-round funny man Lenny. Age 22.

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In *American Quilt* you wooed Winona with punnets of strawberries, while Jimmy in *TTYD* goes for the treat-'em-mean-keep-'em-keen approach. What pulling technique works best for you?

"I've always felt you have to be honest with someone."

On screen you've snogged Winona Ryder, Gwyneth Paltrow (in new film, *Killronan*) and Liv Tyler. Who was best?

"Every time I held Winona, I knew I was working with a fragile piece of china. Liv Tyler was really spontaneous: you never knew what she'd do next. Gwyneth impressed me from the first take to the very last, she can do anything at the moment. But it wouldn't be gentlemanly for me to say more!"

Does your girlfriend get jealous when you spend the whole day hanging with the likes of Gwynnie?

"She's a make-up artist so she understands my work. Anyway,

Gwyneth's going out with Brad Pitt. If you're acting with someone, you need a rapport, so there's chemistry between your characters. But my girlfriend knows it's just a job."

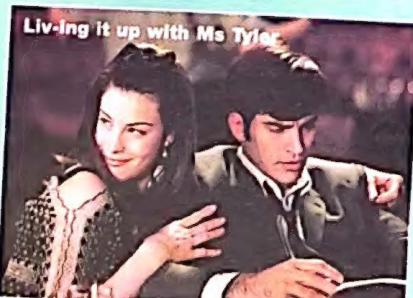
Were you intimidated by the thought of working with double Oscar winner Tom Hanks (who wrote, directed and starred in *TTYD*)?

"Yeah, 'cause Tom's one of my idols, but he

was really kind to me. Before my audition, he sat down and talked to me for about 20 minutes about Jimmy's character and helped me calm down a great deal."

Are you as brooding as you look?

"I guess I do brood a little bit. If I'm given the chance, I won't say a word unless I like the person I'm talking to. When I'm listening intently my eyes tense up, so it looks like I'm almost squinting. Maybe that's what looks brooding!"



by Woodsy

mail bonding



Make the Teen Towers postie keel over from the sheer weight of your correspondence! Come bond with me, Woodsy, c/o 'Mail bonding', J17, PO Box 417, London WC2H 7YW. The post with the most earns a good ol' goodie bag.

Star Letter Keep smilin'

The article 'Doctor's rebuilt my face' (8 Jan) was so moving, I just had to write in. Jo showed such courage after her brutal attack, that I'd like her to know how much I admire her. She says she's trying not let it alter her life, and why should it? The victim should never have to feel ashamed or self-conscious about the actions of others. So good luck for the future, Jo.

L Malone, Co Antrim

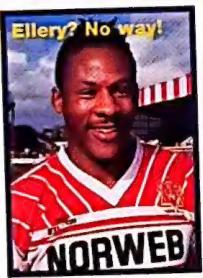
• The disfigurement Jo suffered was physically and mentally painful and puts our petty trials and tribulations into perspective. To come through an attack of this nature, with such courage, is indeed an example to us all.



Jo: getting on with her life

Rug rant

J17's always banging on about how great soccer is and how fit the players are. What about rugby league? It's tough, dirty and exciting and played by real men. Ellery Hanley's fitter than any nancy footie player. 911 fan, Warrington



• What, you'd rather stand in a half-empty stadium watching cauliflower-eared grizzlies shovin' each other into the mud? C'mon, girlfriend, you're talking rot. Gals wanna see the glam and excitement of the sizzling Shearers and Beckhams of this world. D'you really prefer your men mud-splattered and battered?

Altering egos

I totally agree with your 'Don't go changin'' feature (8 Jan). I once got into indie music to impress a lad and for a while it worked like a dream. Until, that is, him and his mates found my beloved Take That records (which of course I said I was so over) and melted them into ash trays. Not a good move.

Markie's fringe, Cambridge

• Tuh! Changin' your looks and interests is not a smart way to pull and will probably get you into deep trub when the truth comes out. I'm proud to show prospective snog partners my Gemini collection – and it's made me a happier (and, er, lonelier) person for it.



King Kev

He's trendy, feisty and by far the fittest fella on the telly. I am, of course, referring to Kevin who appears on Harry Enfield's telly show. Please print a pic of this love god

to satisfy my thirst.
Kev's cap, Worcester

• A dishy treat indeed, and certainly a fella Calvin Klein will have to keep tabs on for future ad campaigns. And Perry's certainly no sidekick in the looks department. Gallaghers beware!

King Kev 2

I think I'm talking for the whole of Newcastle when I say how sad I am that Kevin Keegan's resigned as United's manager. He took the team out of the third division and led them to the top. They've played the most exciting footie we've seen for ages, and have united our city in the process. Come back, Kev!

Mag Pie, Gosforth

• Kevin's resignation shocked even the most cynical old football pundits, 'cause it came right out of the blue. He'll always be remembered for what he's done for the club and its city. Unless, of course, you're a Sunderland fan.

Mailbag morsels this week included:

More praise for Kevin Keegan • We love Liam's bounce • Thank God for ER • Just who do those Spice Girls think they are?!

A break from the Norm with Twix

J17/TWIX® PROMOTION

Twix® has teamed up with J17 to give you all a bit of New Year advice...
How many of you hit the shops when you need a break from the norm? We pounded the pavement with Twix® to ask sussed babes who or what they take on a shopping trip. The best answers got some scrummy chocolate for their words of wisdom.



Kristen, 13, New York

I go shopping with my best mate Priscilla – she's always really truthful. But I take my mum's credit card with me for company!



Carla, 15, London

I take my mum and spend her money. She's got better taste than I have, and takes me to all the cool shops and buys me all the stuff I want.



I take my best mate along, of course! I trust her to tell me when I shouldn't buy something, but sometimes she's a bit too honest for my liking!

Ceefee, 15, Amersham

Next week we wanna know how you get a break from your pesky parents when they're nagging atcha to do things you don't 'specially want to do. 'Til next time!

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When love and mate collide

Been binned for a boy by yer best mate? Take J17's advice on how to handle the hurt...

If you reckon you've got an unbreakable relationship with your best mate, think again. OK, you've squabbled over who's gonna get Paul Nicholls down the aisle in the wedding of the year. You've fought over the seat closest to the fire for Brookie. You've even had fisticuffs over borrowing each others' clothes.

But hear this: one day, either you or your mate will be the first to get a boyfriend. And if anything tests the strength of a rock-hard chumship, it's a lad, believe us.

The two of you were inseparable. She was Reeves to your Mortimer, Thelma to your Louise, Trev to your um, Simon. You were a team and together you could suss your way out of any situation. Until, that is, she found another partner in crime. You'll blame her, she'll blame you. But it's a joint responsibility, so sort it out before it's too late.

Forever friends?

At first you couldn't understand. What does she see in him, this geeky Mr Bean-like? Normally you both would've skedaddled right past his Royal Lankiness without a second glance, but this time she

got this weird glint in her eye. And before you knew it, she was giggling at his jokes (even the unfunny ones, which was all of them) while you rolled your eyes. Then, shazzam! She does a runner on you, riding sidesaddle on his skateboard into the sunset.

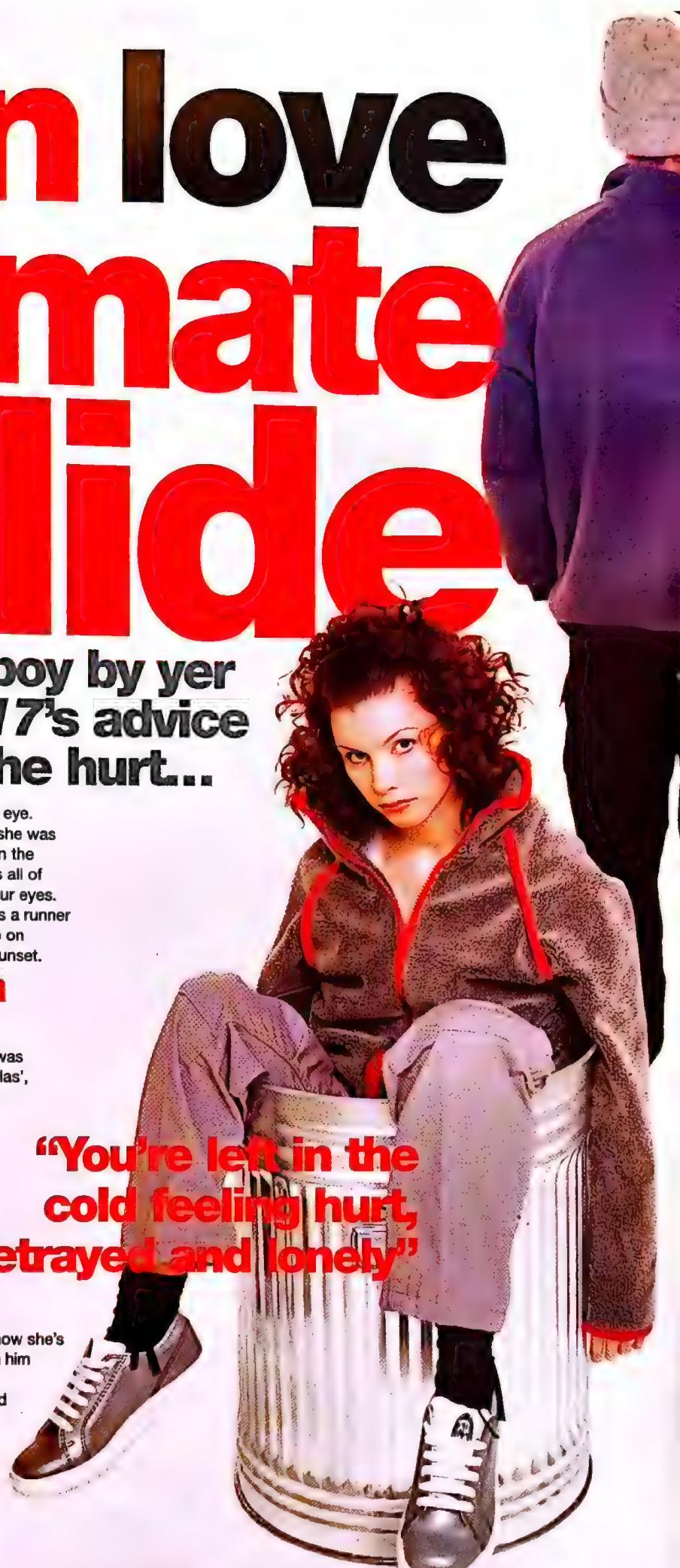
Three's a crowd

Your pact to each other was always 'friends before fellas', but now she's done the dirty and left you out in the cold – hurt, betrayed and lonely.

Obviously you want her to be happy. She's your best mate, for Keanu's sake. It's simply a question of loyalty. And now she's spending all her time with him and none with you.

She's probably also tried to get you together with his best mate (who resembles a prawn and has a sense of humour to match). Naturally, you find all this a

"You're left in the cold feeling hurt, betrayed and lonely"





tad patronising. You're perfectly capable of finding your own snog partner, thank you very much.

Your mate's life is like the lyrics of a Peter Andre song – or so she says when she bothers to call you. Your daily goss has shrunk to a weekly ten-minute phone call. And yep, she's gonna have to blow you out again, 'cause she's moonin' and a-spoonin' with *him*. Again.

What's her story?

You contemplate telling her what's on your mind, but she's already jumped to the wrong conclusion. You're just jealous, she thinks, but when you fall in love you'll understand.

Yeah, right. Your friend's well on the way to becoming an ex-friend.

But before you look in the phone book for the 'Girls With Crap Mates' support group, look at it from her angle. You may be staying in for the third weekend in a row and she's still got that inane loved-up grin on her face. But though you miss her company, she's probably missing all the fun you had together.

She still has stuff she wants to talk about, if only you'd give her the time of day. She might have even got the impression that you think her boyfriend's a bozo and have deserted her.

While you can spend your time doing exactly what you want, your mate's life isn't so simple. Much of it's devoted to the difficult task of tackling *Mortal Kombat*

while lovingly holding hands. Whichever way she plays it (and we're not talking *Sega* here), you're going to see less of each other, and there's nowt she can do about that.

Unless, of course, she ditches him. This may be exactly what you want, but if she feels you're forcing her hand, then your friendship'll have problems from here on in. She'll feel resentful, you'll feel guilty, and it'll be straight down the station so the Mate Police can sort it.

So if it looks like your mate has fallen full-time for a lad, don't write her off. Everyone's tempted to throw themselves in at the deep end with a new, exciting bit of lurve interest. But hyper-intense snog

Fellas or friends?

To the girl with the guy, we say this: if you want to have it all, there's a price to pay. Work to keep your friends happy to make up for the time you spend with him. Return their phone calls, don't break your dates with them and keep up with what's happening to 'em, 'cause you're not the only one with a life, y'know.

Girls' night

Remember, your boyfriend won't go off at you for spending time with your friends. After all, he's got mates too. And no lad wants

"One day this whole situation will be reversed, you'll see"

situations have a habit of burning themselves out quickly, so look on it as a chance to take a breather for a while. Get yourself some new mates, renew old allegiances, and do all those things you've always wanted to but couldn't in the past 'cause she wasn't into them.

Time out

Don't abandon her completely and don't make her feel guilty for not spending every minute by your side. Just because she's going out with someone doesn't make her the High Priestess of Love. No doubt she'll want to discuss every aspect of her and lover-boy's relationship in full with you. Yeah, it might be boring, but that's what best mates are for. One day the sitch will be reversed, you'll see.

his lay-dee to be hanging off him 24 hours a day. Ask most lads to list the qualities of their ideal girlfriend and we bet stuff like 'independent', 'confident' and 'not clingy' will figure pretty darn high.

A girl's gotta have a raucous night out with the girls once in a while. It'll keep fellas-u-like on his toes too. If you suspect he's gonna be around for a long time, let your friends get to know him so they don't get green and prickly (gooseberry-like!) in your presence.

And finally, girlfriend, don't forget to tell your friends that you appreciate them hanging in there. You can throw a stick at any nightclub and hit a bloke who'd go out with you. But a good mate is much harder to find, and it's much harder on you when they're lost.

"I never saw Tanya on her own"

Claire, 16, and Tanya, 17, were best mates until Ben arrived on the scene. J17 hears both sides of the story...

Claire Tanya and I had been mates for ages. She lived near me, so we used to walk to school together and ended up hanging out all the time. Shopping, skating, listening to CDs – Tanya and I did everything together. We never had a moment's silence until Ben came.

At first, Tanya and I were on the same wavelength.

But then she started going out with a boy in her class called Ben. I resented this quickly. One minute the two of us were inseparable, the next Tanya was MIA. Ben was a total guy, but the two of them seemed to their free time together. When I did see Tanya, it was normally Ben with her – she always had Ben draped to her side and they ended up talking more to each other than they did to me.

Soon she stopped coming out with me altogether. I felt so rejected, like she'd been using me just 'till she found a boyfriend. I confronted her, but she just said 'I'm jealous. I wasn't', though – just missed her being around.

Tanya Ben was my first real love, and I was so wrapped up in the whole thing I didn't see how much it affected Claire. At first Ben and I would just see each other after school, but soon we were spending entire weekends together. I know I should've talked to Claire, but I thought it'd make things worse.

Having said that, I thought she was very unapproachable of mine and Ben's relationship. She made

no attempt to get to know him and when he did meet her, she had a right cob on. I missed her friendship but it was the old Claire I missed, not this new, sulky one. Last summer Claire thought her and I would be going away together, but I went on holiday with Ben instead. I felt a bit guilty but she should've understood.

Anyway, Ben and I broke up soon after – partly 'cause we spent too much time together – and I was able to make it up with Claire.

I regretted we'd got our wings crossed and she understood. Now we have a brilliant laugh like before, and we're planning a holiday this year. I'm so glad I didn't lose her friendship, 'cause Ben's ancient history now.

The accused

Kate Moss

The crime Being caught by the surprise shot

OK, so Kate, Linda, Naomi and co normally look stunning in photos, but so they damn well should. They have the help of make-up artists, hairdressers and computers, which get rid of their wrinkles with the click of a mouse. Even when she's sounding off, Ms Moss looks as groovy as they come. But wait 'til you catch her unawares. When Johnny's girl's being quizzed by a fan (far right), she looks more vacant than an empty loo. Doh!

Reformed character

Back on form (right). She knows where the camera is and smiles sweetly.

J17 tip If there are likely to be photographers in the area, keep an eye on them. 'cause you never know whether they'll catch you pulling a funny face or picking your nose.



OK mug shot? Not pretty.

Bad ug shot: not a good look, Schwoodie



OK mug shot? Kate doesn't look bad either.



The accused

Peter Andre

The crime Getting snapped from his worst angle

Sure, everyone has their off-days. But with the amount of practice ol' Petey has had in front of the camera, he must've noticed how big his schnozz is. So being snapped head-on is not the most flattering pose. To make things worse, the Petester seems to have just come off stage, and the caked-on orange make-up

and bump 'n' grind sweat makes him look ropier than the cargo nets on *The Gladiators Eliminator*.

Reformed character Aah, that's better (bottom). Pop's fave oily geezer turns his face away from the camera, giving his hooter a more delicate look.

J17 tip Big noses are accentuated by dropping the chin and facing full-on. So looking up or to the side should do the trick.

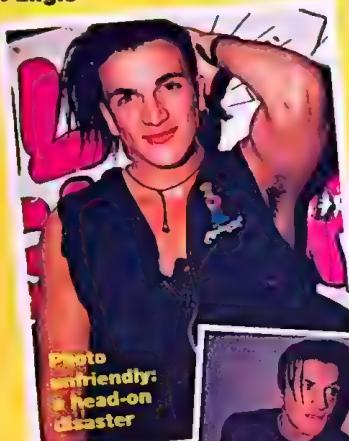


Photo unfriendly: a head-on disaster



Photo-friendly side-steppin' the camera

Say chee

Celebs always look good in Wrong! Take a look at our pap learn from the sham



Snap unhappy: no way Sis

The accused

Patsy Kensit

The crime Looking like it's way past her bedtime

And this woman's the love of Liam's life? Surely shome mishtake! It was obviously the end of a very big night out

for Party Patsy (left), but that's no excuse for the 'distressed sack of potatoes' look. And she's not looking much better at the Royal Variety Performance either (far left), where she's showing more gum than Wrigleys! What caused the largest laugh in photo history? Did Patsy's date let rip in front of the Queen or summat? Whatever the reason, make sure you keep your gob shut if there's a long lens in the vicinity.



Lookin' pap perso

Reformed character

By opening her eyes wide and giving out a 'look after me' vibe, the party girl's been replaced by the most cuddleworthy lass in the world (left).

J17 tip Either get yer mates to promise they won't

take any post-party pics, or buy a pair of showbiz sunnies. They'll hide even the tiredest eyes.



Snap unhappy: a hard day's night



Lookin' pap perso



easy!

photos, right?
razzi pics and
of the stars...

Get yourself a portfolio of
gorgeous pics the J17 way...

1 Look directly at the camera and let your eyes convey your mood. You don't need to put a pose. This is a tip from the top of the supermodel pile, darling, so listen and learn.

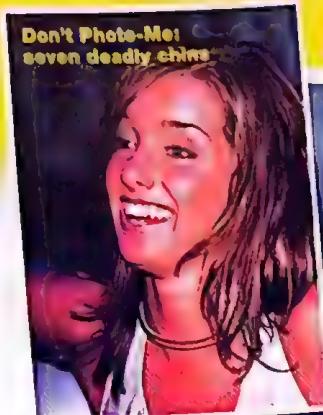
2 Never stand straight on to the camera. Stand sideways (to reduce your hips) and twist your upper half so it's facing the camera. You'll lose inches instantly – honest!

3 Red-eye in pics can ruin your fun, but it's also hard to avoid. Make

sure you stand well away from the lens when you're being snapped, or get yourself a camera with an anti-red-eye device.

4 If you're worried about your face being a tad chubby, make sure you're below the photographer so you're looking up towards the lens. Your extra chin will magically disappear.

5 Know your best feature and make sure you always emphasise it. Work it, girl!



Don't Photo-Me:
hair 'em scare 'em

The accused Louise

The crime Not being herself

It's hard to believe Louise could ever look less than lush, but just check out these pics (left). She's gone OTT on the make-up front – over-egged the pudding, so to speak. The shiny look is very now, but too much gloss and you end up looking like a ball o' sweat. And shooting a sultry glance from under your fringe takes practice if you don't wanna look like your hairdo's just collapsed into your eyes. Louise's obviously needs a bit of work.

Reformed character Ooh, suits you, ma'am (below). Her eyes are sparkling, she's tucked her chin in and those pearly white teeth

are a dentist's dream. What a sweetie.

J17 tip

Leave the sultry 'ooh aren't I a sex kitten?' pose well alone, unless you're doing it for a laugh. The natural look is so much more, er, you.



Photo
grin

The accused Victoria Spice

The crime Indecision in the

face of a camera

Out of all the Spice Girls, Easy V's the coolest and classiest by miles. You'd be hard-pressed to find a pic of her on an off-day. 'Til now, that is.

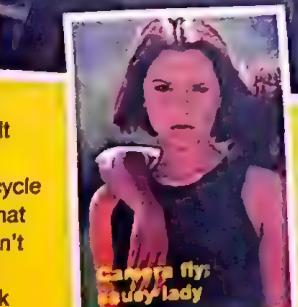
Oi, Posh Spice, noooooo! She's suffering from the dreaded red-eye syndrome (above right), and to add insult to injury, it looks like someone's taken a bicycle pump to her chin for that bloaty look. She couldn't decide whether to go for loud 'n'airy or wink



straight at the camera and has relaxed her features, Posh Spice is as fresh and feisty as ever. Go Vicki! Go Vicki!

J17 tip

Hunching your shoulders will give you an odd shape and you could end up with more chin than Jimmy Hill. And as for a-poutin' and a-posin', have another look at Louise's pic and think again.



How lah-di-dah are you?

Are you a streetwise sista or an altogether snootier sort? Our quiz reveals your posh potential...

1 You're on the hunt for a new boyfriend. What are the most important things he has to possess?

a) A platinum American Express card and a couple of Swiss bank accounts. Not to mention a pack of double-barrelled, well-connected friends.

b) A cute smile and a sense of humour. You ain't so fussed about the rest of him.

c) A wardrobe full of all the hippest threads known to man, whether they're designer labels or second-hand togs.

2 You spot your best mate in town 10 minutes before your rendezvous with her and she looks a bit, well, rough. What do you do?

a) Hide 'til the coast's clear, then leave before she sees you. One simply doesn't wear trackie burns to the shops, does one?

b) Quietly ask her if there's anything on her mind that she wants to talk about. After all, what are best friends for?

c) Feel secretly relieved, 'cause she's the one who outshines you most of the time. It means you've got a chance with the cutie who works in the hi-fi shop.

3 You're spending the weekend at one with the elements - er, that's camping - with a posse of mates. What's in yer rucksack?

a) Travelling light is where it's at. You'll manage on a couple of pairs of pants and socks, some plasters, soap and, of course, a sleeping bag and bed roll.

b) Rucksack? You packed Mum's big suitcase on wheels 'cause you didn't know what to leave out. You've got yer best party frock just in case there's a disco in the field.

c) You won't be camping as such. You'll be staying at a swank hotel and keeping up everyone's morale by riding alongside 'em in your limo as they walk between campsites.

4 If you could be any girl in the world, who would you be?

a) Prince William's future wife, then you could swap dress tips with your mother-in-law.

b) You're quite happy being yourself, thank you very much.

c) You'd be Spunk, the sixth Spice Girl, 'cause you've got attitood. Plus you'd get to wear loadsa snoot designer clothes on *Top Of The Pops!*

5 Your boyfriend's coming round to meet the family for the first time. How do you busy yourself the morning of his visit?

a) By tidying up your room, hiding your mum's Barry Manilow LPs and putting Dad's fave tank top in the laundry basket.

b) There's no way he's meeting the family. You've already told him they live in tax-exile bliss in Monaco, in the apartment next to Madonna, her latest squeeze and her newly-born.

c) By browsing in HMV checking out some tasty tunes for the two of you to listen to when you finally escape the clutches of your parents.



6 What's the perfect 'des res' for you?

a) A tiny cottage by the sea, with a little garden and the man of your dreams doing the weeding.

b) A spanking new detached residence on an up-market estate. You get a better quality of neighbour, dontchaknow.

c) Well, there's the chalet in Val-d'Isère, the New York loft, the Cotswolds manor, the mews house in London, and the snoot private jet to flit between 'em all.

What are the scores, Lord Dawes?

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5 a)	1	b)	2	c)	0
6 a)	0	b)	1	c)	2
7 a)	2	b)	1	c)	0
8 a)	0	b)	2	c)	1

Conclusions

0-4 Laid-back lupin

Living in luxury ain't your bag, is it? Happier in trainers and trackie bottoms than chic togs, you're more down-to-earth than a pair of lead-soled boots. But don't overdo the Sporty Spice look: a little glamour can go a long way. If it's good enough for Tiff dahn the Vic, then it's good enough for you, gel.

5-11 Overblown rose

At the moment you're more Hyacinth Bucket than Helena Christensen. You aspire to snootdom, but you've gotta walk it like you talk it - if that's what you really want - or you'll get a rep as a fake. Read the glossy mags to get a better idea of what looks a billion bucks and what's common as muck.

12-16 Awesome orchid

Ooh lah-di-dah, lay-deel! From the tips of your skunk-striped hair to your Hard Candied toes, you exude Eau de Snoot. But the things you feel are important, like designer knickers and Belgian chocs, ain't necessarily high on your mates' lists of priorities. So beware, 'cause prattling on about them will only alienate you from your posse. Without friends you'll never be top of the posh pile - merely a lady who lunches alone.

7 What's your most important possession?

a) All of them, schweetie. Everyone's the same underneath - so it's the labels you wear that set you apart from the crowd.

b) Your Royal Doulton figurines collection that one day you'll have valued on *The Antiques Roadshow*.

c) Possessions are, like, materialistic things and in your opinion they score low on the winners' podium of life.

8 You're havin'

a party and the world's swankiest designers have offered to dress you for nothing. What would you wear?

a) Not bothered - whatever you'd be most comfortable in.

b) At the pre-dinner drinks, you'd wear a little Versace cocktail number plus accessories. Then you'd change into an ultra-chic Gucci trouser suit for dinner and later you'd be dancing in a flirty little slip by John Galliano.

c) Something black and lacy, with lashings of gold jewellery ladled on over the top.

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As eight year old Hadj Camara ploughs the sandy soil in the blazing sun, he prays that the rains will come. If they don't, his family's crops won't grow. Starvation is a real threat.



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GIRL. POW! WATCH 'EM! CO

Lads are in trouble 'cause girls with attitude are takin' over! But are boys quaking in their boots or preparing to fight back? J17 cornered four lads to find out what's afoot...

So whaddaya you lot reckon to Spice Girls and girl power?

Mark L "I love the Spice Girls, even though the girl power business is a bit of a joke."

David "It makes them sound like they've got something to prove. Y'know, all that 'we're gonna take over the world' stuff. Yeah, right!"

Mark L "It's a publicity scam."

Alex "They said Maggie Thatcher was the first Spice Girl, just to provoke a reaction."

Mark L "Mind you, I like the fact that girls like the

Spicers will admit they're not completely pure – it's really '90s. And if I had a girlfriend like Geri, I wouldn't complain."

Do you fancy feisty girls like Mel B and co?

Alex "Girls like that are gonna go far and you could actually have quite a decent conversation with them. It's not like they're bimbos or anything. I like women with views."

Mark P "Forward girls are miles

better than really quiet ones. But if they're bolshy and want to make all the moves, it can be embarrassing."

Alex "Yeah, there'd be a limit as to how much I could take."

Mark L "I like it when girls have the confidence to make the first move. It takes the responsibility away from us blokes for a change."

Should lads and lasses be totally equal?

Alex "To be honest, I reckon there are some double standards going on about girls being equal to boys. On the one hand girls want to have control and be treated like men, but on the other, they wanna have doors opened for them and be paid for on a date. It's not right. Anyway I'd feel bad if I didn't pay for a girl on a night out."

Mark P "They think it's alright

MARK P, 19

"YOU COULDN'T TURN ROUND AND PUNCH A GIRL. YOU'D BE DONE" ALEX

ALEX, 19

"I LIKE IT WHEN GIRLS HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE" MARK L

WOMEN'S POWER!



for men to do the washing-up, but they still expect special treatment."

Mark L

"One of my friends got hit across the face by a girl, but he didn't slap her back because she kept saying, 'You can't touch me, I'm a girl.'"

Alex "You couldn't turn round and punch a girl. You'd be done."

Mark L "Women exploit the whole issue to their own advantage."

What's the difference between the two sexes schoolwise?

David "You can't split education between male and female. I go to a mixed school where girls and boys do as well as each other."

Alex "Yeah, but there's more emphasis on girls doing home economics and stuff. Boys tend to do the topics people think are more serious, like sport and French."

So why are girls getting better GCSE results than boys, eh?

Mark P "Girls mature quicker than boys, so they take studying more seriously than us - boys

prefer to mess around. But I don't think it makes them any cleverer. Just conscientious."

Alex "Anyway, back in the olden days, girls were brought up to be housewives and mums. Now they're being educated and taking full advantage of it. Girls are as capable as men - they just hadn't

'THEY SEEM TO THINK IT'S ALRIGHT FOR MEN TO DO THE WASHING-UP, BUT STILL EXPECT SPECIAL TREATMENT FROM US' MARK P

had the chance to show how good they are, until now."

Mark L "It's

no big deal. It's not like it's a competition or anything."

Alex "If girls are doing better than boys, good luck to 'em. As long as I personally do well, I don't care."

men's or a women's side play, they'd

choose to see the men's."

Alex "You just can't get the same buzz out of a women's football team as you can with men's."

David "If you played a men's team against a top women's team, you'd know the outcome before it even started."

All "Yeah."

Mark L "It's biology."

Mark P "The women would be humiliated. Men are stronger and more equipped to

playing football. The fact is, women haven't got any skill or balance."

Mark L "I can't ever imagine a woman walking up the Wembley steps to lift the FA Cup. There are sports that are for men and others that are better for women, and nobody can change that. Like when a boy plays hockey he's considered poofy."

D'you think girls will ever make it to the top in the business world?

Alex "I know things are changing, but the fact is, it's always gonna be men who get the high-powered jobs."

Mark P "Yeah, it's a man's world."

Alex "Even if women get more crèches so they can go out to work, I still don't think they'll get the best jobs. They're as clever as blokes, it's just the way it's always been."

Mark L "And there are certain jobs that women couldn't do, like being a builder. It's how they're made."

David "Yeah. Like, you'd never see a girl builder would you?"

WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE?

If these four fellas have left you flamin' fummin', why not write and flippin'-well tell us! Send your ranting letters to 'Mail bonding', J17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED.



If you got married, would it bother you if your wife earned more than you?

Mark L "That's different. It'd be hard 'cause I might feel inferior."

What about girls playing boys' games, like football?

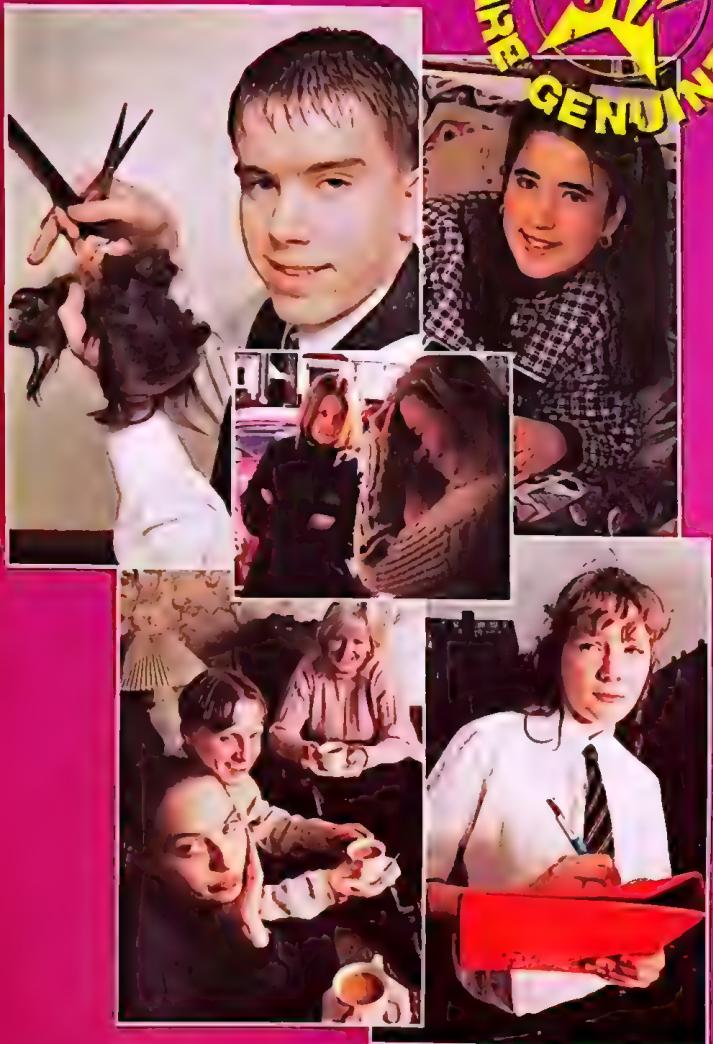
Alex "It's great. I was playing football a few weeks ago and there was an all-women's team on the pitch next to ours. Some of them were quite fit. It was superb!"

Mark P "Yeah, but you have to admit it's not often you see women playing football. And whatever you say about equality and stuff, give someone the choice of seeing a

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“Blade almost

Tom Goater, 13, (right) almost lost his twin brother Ed after a rollerblading accident put him in intensive care...

“E and I got rollerblades for our birthdays last year. And we're twins so we got them on the same day. At first we had a bit of a laugh watching each other fall over, but it didn't take long to get steady on them.

All our friends have blades too, so we all started rollerblading together during the summer holidays. Ed and I share the same mates and it was a good laugh to go blading around in a gang. We had all the protective gear, like elbow and knee guards, and we always wore thick jeans and sweatshirts for added padding.

Blade runners

The only problem is there's nowhere you can safely blade in Basingstoke where we live. In some towns they have special areas in parks to practice in, but all we had was a Tesco carpark. We went up there after school and at weekends. We even put up ramps to jump over. It was wicked.

Then one day last November,

we were skating around like we always do. At about 5.30pm we decided to go home for tea 'cause Mum gets fed up if we're late. And she didn't like us skating at the car park 'cause she thought it wasn't safe. As we all

left, we skated across the road at a proper zebra crossing so the cars would have to stop for us. My friend and I went first, and once we'd reached the other side, Ed started to skate across.

Accident horror

Just then I saw a car come off the roundabout and assumed the driver had seen Ed and would stop. But he just ploughed straight into him and flung Ed about 15 feet into the air. It all happened really quickly. First I saw Ed flying through the air, and then he was lying on the pavement. I just thought, 'Oh my god, my brother's going to die!'

I was shaking and felt sick. I ran over to Ed to check he was alright. He was in such a state, I knew I had to get an ambulance quick. The driver got out to help, and looked really shocked. The

“The car ploughed straight into Ed and flung him in the air”



Back on track
Tom (left) and Ed (right)

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killed my bro'!"

crossing was right after the roundabout and I guess he just hadn't seen Ed. My mates stayed with Ed while I rang for an ambulance from a phone

I tried not to panic, as I knew we had to get help fast. Then I rang mum. She got very upset and began crying. She said she'd known something like this would happen.

Ed was rushed to hospital, unconscious. As the accident only happened round the corner from our house, Mum ran over and came along in the ambulance with us. It was awful not knowing whether or not Ed would make it. I was really worried because he wasn't speaking or moving at all.

At death's door

Ed was taken to North Hants Hospital to start off with, but was then transferred to another because his condition was so bad. He had a serious head injury and the doctors decided to operate on a blood clot in his brain. They kept him sedated on drugs during and after the op, so he was 'asleep' for three weeks.

Mum and I stayed by his bedside all the time, waiting for a sign of life or some movement, but the doctors told us to expect the worst. They even asked us to prepare ourselves for the possibility of turning his life support machine off. It was a horrible idea, but we didn't know if he was going to pull through.

Ed had to have a tracheotomy – where they make a special hole in your throat – to help him breathe, and was gradually weaned off his sedation. Eventually he came off his life support machine and

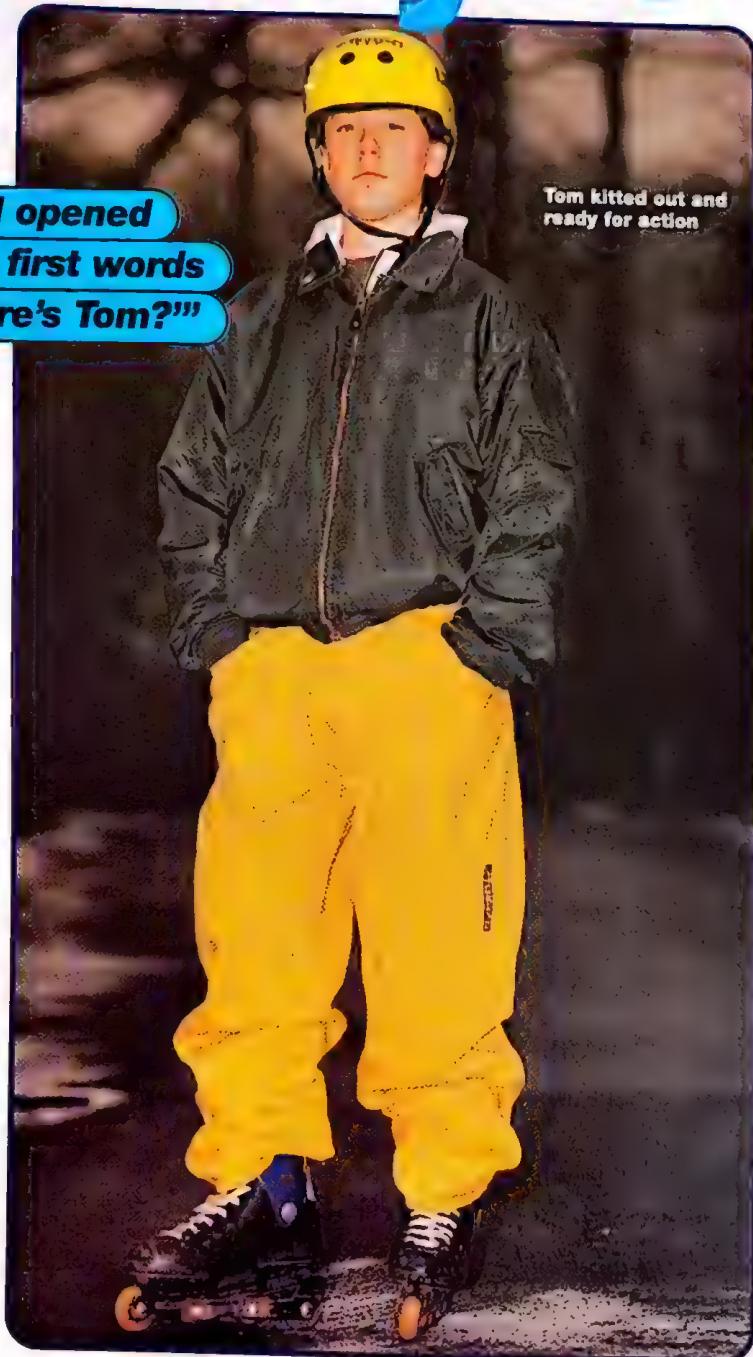
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started improving. When Ed opened his eyes, after three weeks, his first words were, 'Where's Tom?' It was an amazing feeling and we were all so relieved. I knew

Tom kitted out and ready for action

then he'd pull through.

Two weeks afterwards they let Ed out of the hospital. It felt incredible. I'd thought my twin was going to die and now he was coming home.



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I just couldn't believe it. Mum was over the moon as well, but we both knew he still had quite a lot of recovering to do.

Ed looks physically unchanged, but his eyesight's suffered and he's got some short-term memory problems. He's back at home now recuperating, but hasn't gone back to school yet. Mind you, at least he's up and walking again.

Maybe it's a twin thing, but the accident has brought Ed and me even closer together. When he's sad I feel sad and when he's happy I feel good too. I've been out rollerblading since the accident, but Ed's not interested anymore.

It feels weird with Ed not being there. I was a bit shaky on the blades to start off with, but it didn't take long to start skating again. I tried to carry on as normal and couldn't just stop because of the accident.

Campaign for change

Thinking about the accident makes me mad. We didn't consider prosecuting the driver 'cause we were more concerned about Ed and were just so thankful he survived. But Mum and I are now campaigning to get a safer place for local kids to rollerblade.

If there were proper places to skate, maybe this wouldn't have happened. A grant's been given for a rollerpark across town, but nowhere near our neighbourhood. We've been talking to the local papers and hopefully the publicity will make people realise that kids need somewhere safe to go. What happened to my brother must never happen again."

"I'm a jackpot crackpot"

MAD MAD WORLD

Kelly Braddon, 14, (right)
begged her family to rip up the
ticket **when they won £1.6**
million National Lottery...

Ever since the National Lottery started my parents have bought a ticket religiously every week. They've been married for 21 years and have never been well off. Dad spent long hours driving oil tankers while Mum worked as a pub waitress to support me, my brother Ricky, 21, and sister Nicole, four.

But even though we haven't been loaded, there's always been lots of love to go around and I've never wanted for anything.

We're winners!

I never really agreed with my parents doing the Lottery 'cause I worried that if we won it might change us. Dad always said he knew we'd win, but he just didn't know when. Every Saturday night after the draw, he'd say, 'Maybe next week we'll get the jackpot.'

Then one Sunday night, last September, Dad, Nicole and I were watching TV while Mum was at work. For the first time, my parents hadn't watched the Lottery live the night before, so Dad checked our numbers on Teletext. 'We've won a tenner!' he said. Then, 'We've got four numbers.' Suddenly he jumped up in the air and screamed: 'We've won! We've won the...

Lottery!' before he ran out to the toilet to be sick.

I was so shocked I couldn't stop rechecking the numbers. By then, Dad was going loopy, running around the living room screaming with excitement.

But I was distraught. An overwhelming fear enveloped me and I burst into tears. All I knew was that I didn't want the money, and I begged him to rip up the ticket. Dad looked at me as though I'd gone mad, cause I was sobbing uncontrollably.

Fear of the future

I imagined us in the future, having lost all our closeness. Every day you read about families being torn apart by money and it terrified me I could only see a greedy family which cared for no-one but

themselves – my lovely down-to-earth family replaced by an ugly substitute.

When Dad rang the Lottery company they said we'd get £1.6 million 'cause ours was the only winning ticket. Then he called Mum at work, but she slammed the phone down in disbelief! An hour later, she rushed home and almost fainted when she

"Dad yelled, 'We've won the Lottery!' before running out to the toilet to be sick"

realised that we were millionaires! I was still very upset because I thought I'd lose all my friends too if we accepted the money.

That night none of us slept a wink but while everyone else lay awake wondering how to spend the money I cried into my pillow for hours.

The next day I rang my best friend Lindsey and told her the news. I was terrified she wouldn't want to know me any more but she was thrilled. She imagined I'd become different but I explained that money would never change me.

In the spotlight

When we went to pick up the cheque in London, I was still in a daze. Mum and Dad had their picture taken with a dummy cheque but I didn't pose in case I started crying again! I was glad when the day was over 'cause I hate being in the limelight.

I was dreading going to school in case everyone stared and asked

Kelly: determined things won't change

questions, but my friends treated me normally. They all congratulated me and nobody seems jealous.

I've settled down now, but my views will never change. Mum and I have had long chats about it and she made me realise that money can be enjoyed, rather than feared.

Country cottage

Since then she's bought me some nice clothes and a CD player which I'm very grateful for. So far we've been on holiday to Cyprus, bought new cars and moved house. Mum and Dad have given up their jobs too, but we haven't changed as people...

I haven't asked for anything for myself. As far as I'm concerned the win is for a rainy day 'cause I was brought up to appreciate the value of money. Mum wants a cottage in the countryside and she says when we do she'll buy me a pony, which would be fantastic. I can't wait to treat my friends too. But one thing's for sure – the moment I think the money has ruined my family, I'll leave home.



That champagne feeling: Kelly's parents celebrate their win

"I gave Liam his shorning glory"

Scott Minshull, 16, (right) got the shock of his life when Oasis's main man walked into his Macclesfield barbers shop...

A few days before Christmas, I was working with my uncle in our shop, The Traditional Barbers in Macclesfield, when a silver Jaguar pulled up outside. When Liam Gallagher jumped out I was gobsmacked. He was with his brother Paul and made straight for our shop.

My uncle didn't have a clue who he was, so I stuttered, 'That's Liam Gallagher from Oasis!' Liam whipped off his white beanie hat and said, 'Give it a shave all over!' I finished off the customer I was working on, then started on Liam.

He asked for a 'number three' cut – a skinhead short back and sides, so I said I'd give him a 'number four' first, and shave it more if he wanted. Eventually I said, 'You're Liam Gallagher, aren't you?' He laughed and said, 'Yes, just get on with it!'

Slides away

I wasn't nervous 'cause I've been cutting hair since I was 13. But I felt like I was in a total dream, and was worried about how Liam would react. After all, he could have walked into any posh London salon and got a

haircut for ten times the price – but he'd picked mine!

Liam was dead down-to-earth, just like a normal lad. We chatted away, and he said he was heading back to London after visiting friends in Manchester. I asked how the band was going, and he said, 'Fine', but I didn't want to push it. I don't talk about haircuts when I go out so I wouldn't expect him to talk shop in his spare time either. Besides, I wanted to make him feel at home.

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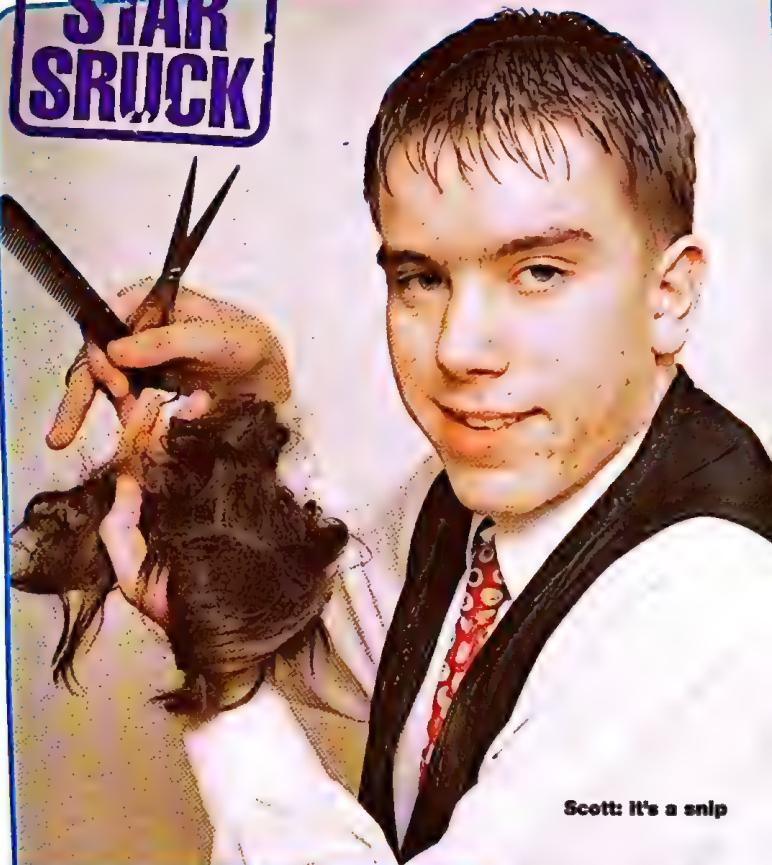
When I'd finished, Liam looked a lot better 'cause the cut really suited his face shape. Luckily he seemed pleased too. Afterwards he signed an autograph for me and said, 'Cheers very much!' Then he pulled out a big wad of money and handed over a tenner. The haircut only cost £4.50 but he said, 'Keep it mate, you're alright.' I gasped, 'Cheers very much Liam!'

It was only when I sat down after he'd left – and an Oasis song came on the radio – that the shock hit me. It was so weird! When I told the next customer that I'd just cut Liam's hair he said, 'You wanna save that hair mate!' But I said, 'It's alright. I've swept it up and locked it in the safe!'

I kept the tenner to frame, with a lock of hair and the autograph. My fiancée's pregnant, and I'll give it to the baby when he or she is 18 – Oasis will be like The Beatles by then.

I had no idea what a fuss the media would make of my haircut, but they're calling it 'the crop of the year'. I guess it's 'cause Liam hadn't had his hair cut for so long, then out of the blue it was all shorn off. I've been on TV and had paparazzi

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Scott: It's a snip

"Liam was dead down-to-earth, just like a normal lad"

chasing me, so I can understand how the press does Liam's head in.

I made £3,000 for selling my story and the rest of the hair to a paper. They're giving it away as a competition prize. I bought a stereo and a pram with the money, plus some Oasis CDs. I was into them before, but if I could say one thing to Liam now it would be, 'Scott Minshull thinks you're a top man!'

Feeling superbarnet

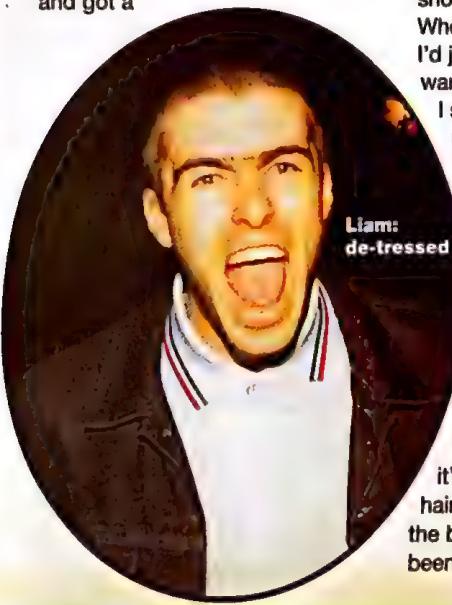
Apparently Liam said, 'Tell him to make as much out of it as he can. He's sound.' In a way I wish I hadn't sold the hair – in the future it'll probably be worth even more! My girl mates are all dead jealous that I got my hands on Liam, and

I could definitely pull with this story, but I've already got a fiancée!

It's funny 'cause I'd been growing my hair long like Liam's, but now I'm planning to shave it just like his the day my baby's born. And if it's a boy we'll call him Liam.

Cutting Liam's hair has really put the shop on the map too. We've had crowds of Oasis groupies from as far away as America requesting the 'famous' cut. I felt proud when I saw the copycat shave Noel got at a flash London salon too, 'cause I think mine was loads better!

For me it's like winning the lottery. Of all the barbers in this country he walked into mine! My uncle has worked in the trade for years without ever doing a celeb – I've been at it for three and I've done Liam!"



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"From friend to fiend!"

Vicky, 14, thought best friends were forever. But Julie had **other ideas...**

"**J**ulie had been my best mate since our first day at junior school. Everywhere I went, Julie followed. 'Vicky and her shadow,' the teachers said. We shared all our secrets and I thought nothing could come between us.

So when we started senior school we were delighted to be put in the same class. 'It wouldn't be the same without you, Vik,' said Julie. But we soon made new friends independently. I started going round with a really nice girl called Marie, and although Julie and I still saw each other, we began drifting apart a bit.

Green-eyed monster

My 13th birthday was the same week as Marie's so we decided to have a big party together at my house. A friend mentioned that Julie seemed jealous about the party, but I didn't take her seriously. After all, she was one of the first people I'd invited.

Loads of cool boys turned up and the party was brill – until I heard a huge crash. The new CD player I'd got for my birthday lay broken on the floor. I burst into tears and it spoilt the party for me.

Later on, I overheard two girls talking. 'Did you see Julie shove Vicky's CD player over?' said one. 'What a bitch!'

The other said, 'Are you sure? I thought they were mates.'

I couldn't believe Julie would do that to me.

But back at school, people started whispering about me and one girl, Sarah, was really sarky. I found out that Julie was saying I'd got off with Sarah's boyfriend

at my party. What did she think she was doing?

Luckily I convinced Sarah the rumours were crap, but when I confronted Julie it was like she'd turned into some kind of psycho! 'I'm so sorry!' she sobbed. 'I'm jealous of Marie and feel so left out. Please be my friend again.' We talked for hours and I felt guilty that she thought we were ignoring her. After that, the three of us hung out together more.

Bloody revenge

But one Saturday, Marie and I went into town together which infuriated Julie. 'You're leaving me out again!' she shouted. And later that week when we were changing for gym, Marie suddenly screamed. Her sock was soaked with blood 'cause someone had put an open Swiss army

"You're leaving me out again!" Julie shouted

knife inside her trainer.

That's when Julie sobbed, 'I didn't mean to hurt anyone. I just wanted to teach Marie not to take my friends away.' Marie had to go to hospital for a tetanus injection

and Julie left school for a week.

Julie's now seeing a counsellor, who reckons it'd help if I talked to Julie sometimes to show that I don't hate her. But I could never

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be best friends again 'cause I couldn't stand a repeat of her weird jealousy. Besides, how can I risk putting my other mates in danger?"

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"My cool clean-up caper"

HAVE-A-GO HEROINE

Everybody needs good neighbours and **Stacey Smith, 12**, is one of the best...

"I live on a council estate called Eastlands in Blackley, Manchester, with my mum, my twin sister Carla and my older brother John. We've lived here for five years and in the last two it's become really rough.

The local taxi drivers call it 'Mini Beirut' 'cause the crime rate's so horrendous. Every other day a house is set on fire and there's always a burnt-out car on the field nearby. Last month there were seven robberies and an old man's house opposite us was set alight while he was sleeping.

Mum's so scared of us being burgled that she refuses to leave the house empty. We're always indoors by 8.30pm, but we've still had trouble. One day Carla was set on by a gang of boys who pushed a burning rag down her back. Luckily she was only slightly burnt. And recently I was outside the local shop when a woman claimed I spat at her. She pushed me against the wall and started kicking me, leaving me badly bruised. Both times the police said there was nothing they could do.

There's only one shop left on the estate and every few weeks the

front window is ram-raided by stolen cars. Even the young kids are into vandalism and the joke here is, 'There's no drugs problem - you can get them anywhere!'

I think it's unfair for people to exist like this. So when a teacher told us about the Manchester City Council competition 'My Estate In The Year 2000', I was full of ideas.

Design for life

I made a plan of the estate as it is now and as I thought it should be. My biggest objection was that the flats behind our house are being pulled down to build a motorway link. I suggested there should be a park with a youth club instead. There's so much trouble here 'cause there's nothing for young people to do. We need green play areas, not more concrete.

I also planned a row of shops with anti-vandal bars on the windows. If the estate was a nicer place to live, people might behave differently. Ideally a swimming pool and cinema would help too. I don't think the estate's architect thought its design through at all. Our houses are joined in narrow, badly-lit alleys which are a mugger's paradise. In my design, each row



"The crime rate's so bad, the taxi drivers call it 'Mini Beirut'"

of houses is separate so burglaries and muggings would be less likely and fires wouldn't spread so easily.

Then I was told I'd won first prize in the competition and £50 worth of WH Smith vouchers! Mum was really proud of me and my plan is on show in Blackley Housing Office. But the best prize would be for my ideas to be put into practice. I know it's unlikely, but hopefully when I'm an architect I'll do it myself!"

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"My boyfriend marriage ma

Gill, 18, thought her and childhood sweetheart Tony were the perfect couple – until he became **crazy about her...**

When I was a little girl I used to dream about wearing a white, frilly dress and walking down the aisle to marry my Tony. Our mums became friends when we were three, and I can still remember the two of us playing in the sandpit together, squabbling over buckets and spades! We lived near each other and went to the same school.

We were just mates at first, but by the time I was 12 I was dying for him to ask me out and spent many lessons fantasising about being his girlfriend, not just 'good, old Gill'.

From mates to dates

But when I was 14, his friend John blurted out in the school canteen, 'Look, Gill. Tony wants to know if you'll go out with him?' Choking on my pie, I spluttered, 'Y-yes!'

Later, I told Tony the good news and snogged his face off. It was brill! My family were pleased 'cause Tony was my boyfriend and best friend rolled into one.

For two years, our relationship was fab. We saw each other about four nights a week and everyone called us the perfect couple because we were so in love. My friends were dead jealous and I thought we'd be together forever. We were always there for each other, like when Tony was gutted over his parents' divorce.

Then, just before my 16th birthday, Tony asked, 'How do you fancy getting married one day?' I thought he was just messing around and replied, 'Sure... one day!' I thought he meant way ahead in the future. Little did I know he meant it.

On my birthday, Tony treated me to a meal in a posh restaurant, with candles and a red rose on the table. I was dead excited. 'It's so

romantic!' I said, kissing him.

Tony was acting a bit strangely, but I put it down to the place being so swanky. But suddenly he produced a little box from his pocket and snapped it open. Inside was a gold ring. 'We've always planned to get married, so why wait?' he babbled, 'I think we should get engaged for six months and then just do it!'

Unwelcome proposal

I just sat there speechless. I was in love with Tony, but hadn't even considered getting engaged, let alone being his wife. We were only 16 and never imagined he was serious. Taking a deep breath, I said, 'It's too soon, Tone. I really love you, but we've got to finish school and get decent jobs before we even think about marriage. What's the rush?'

'I understand,' Tony said, shoving the ring back in his pocket. He was a bit quiet, so I did my best to reassure him that I loved him. But at the same time I couldn't help feeling uneasy. Tony seemed to be taking my childhood dream too far, too quickly.

After that Tony wouldn't drop the subject. Every time I saw him, he'd say, 'Just tell me why you don't want to marry me if

"Everything would be alright if only we got engaged," he sobbed"

you love me so much.' I couldn't understand why he was so desperate to take such a mega step. Maybe he craved security because his parents had split up, but he drove us apart too.



I got sick of him droning on about marriage and always changed the subject. He wouldn't mention it for a few days and I'd think things had

got back to normal, but then it'd be, 'Gill, about getting married...'

I wanted to concentrate on my

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I was dad!"

EX FROM HELL

GCSE revision, not listen to him saying what a beautiful bride I'd make. One evening I lost it and yelled, 'Shut up, Tone! You're bloody obsessed!' He looked so hurt that I immediately apologised.

But I meant it. He was obsessed and I longed for my old, carefree Tone to come back. Besides, Mum would never have let me marry so young, even if I'd wanted to. I started to dread seeing

"It frightens me how he changed into a complete stranger"

Tony. It was no fun any more and I made excuses to avoid him.

Then he started getting nasty. 'You must be a lesbian,' he'd shout. 'Or sleeping with another lad behind my back.' He refused to accept I simply wasn't ready to marry.

The final straw came when I went round to Tony's and his mum started spouting on about what an ace idea our marriage was. I yelled, 'It's none of your business!' and burst into tears.

Too much pressure

'I feel so pressurised,' I confided to Mum. Tony was like a son to her, but even she advised me to have a break from seeing him. So after our GCSE results came out in the summer of '95 I went to Ibiza with a few mates. Tony wasn't

keen on me going, but I was desperate to get away. We went out a lot and I got chatted up by

loads of lads. 'This is how I should feel at my age,' I thought. 'I wanna have fun, not be tied down.'

Bad behaviour

Being away made me realise I had to finish our relationship. And I decided to do A-levels at a local college, not in the sixth form with Tony. I'd loved him for so long and was sad it had come to this.

Back home, I phoned Tony. 'I'm sorry, Tone,' I stammered. 'Let's just forget it.' He started yelling at me, calling me a slut. You've never loved me. I bet you've slept with loads of blokes on holiday.'

He rang me and begged me to take him back. 'Everything would be alright if only we got engaged,' he sobbed. Then he hung up, so I assumed that'd be the end of it.

Over the next few weeks, Tony rang three or four times a day, demanding to speak to me. I refused. Then he started sending me letters calling me a slag.

Suicide threats

A month later, I was alone in the house when Tony knocked on the door, his arms full of flowers. Keeping the chain on, I told him to go away or I'd call the police. But instead of getting nasty, he started crying hysterically, babbling, 'I'll kill myself if you don't take me back!' Terrified, I shut the door and that was the last time I saw him.

A year on, we've heard Tony's seeing a psychiatrist. When I look at photos of us together, happy and smiling, it frightens me how he changed into a complete stranger. I still cry when I think about how much I loved him and how well I thought I knew him."

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Snog fest

Proud love

Dear Rebecca,

The first time I set my eyes on you, I knew you were right for me. I'm proud to say we've been together for over six months and I love you more each day. My feelings for you will never change because you're the best thing in my life and I've never been so happy. You mean the world to me and I'll make sure we never ever split. Thinking about you all the time. Love you always.

Terry

(West London)

Holding on

Dear Chris,

The first time I saw you I wanted you to be mine. Now I've got you, I'll never let you go. We've been together for 11 months and they've been the best times of my life. You're always there when I need you, even when I'm a pain. There's one thing I know and that's I love you



Markie (Berkshire)

One more chance

Dear Gemma,

Since that day when I lost you, I haven't stopped thinking about you. I wish I could go back to the old times and be with you again. I hope you can understand how I feel. Perhaps you feel the same way too? I'm begging with all my heart, give me one more chance and I'll prove how much I love you. I miss your cuddles and will love you forever.

(London)

Gary

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just seventeen

Resident date demon Damon reveals 17 well-sneaky tricks lads use to pull you...

Supersty

You may think the closest a bloke gets to a seduction technique is pretending to yawn, then putting his arm around you in the cinema. But don't be fooled, girlfriend. Lads have a whole repertoire of sneaky tricks and crafty ploys designed to lure you into their grubby grasp.

1 THE SYMPATHY VOTE

This involves anything that plays on your emotions – from pretending he's upset that his footie team's lost, to weeping over the death of his pet budgie. But the fave is that old classic, 'I need to be comforted 'cause another girl's treated me so badly.' 'Poor thing,' you say. 'You look really depressed. I'll sit down and talk to you.' He then undergoes a miraculous recovery and attempts to snog yer face off.

J17 verdict Sneaky, but at least he's showing his sensitive side.

2 GETTING INTO THE 'STRIKE ZONE'

Before he makes his move, a lad first has to get close enough. If he's walking ahead of you but turns round and spots you behind him, he'll suddenly bend down to tie up his lace – even though he's wearing loafers!

J17 verdict Totally obvious, but sweet.

3 TRYING TO GET YOU DRUNK

Just think: would you buy someone five drinks unless you were hoping for a return on your investment?

J17 verdict Avoid him like the plague – this boy's bad news.

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4 BEING CRAP AT THINGS

A good location for this is the local ice-skating rink. After falling over very painfully right in front of you, the bloke looks up appealingly with, 'Couldn't show me how it's done, could you?' You end up skating around hand-in-hand until, oops, he has to put his arms round you to stop himself falling over.

J17 verdict Definitely worth a snog. He's prepared to humiliate himself just to win your heart.

5 HEY, BIG SPENDER

Admit it – given the choice between going out with a doshless boy and one whose wallet resembles a Filofax, the skint lad's got no chance. With this in mind, we're known to save up for weeks in preparation for one night out, when we splash the cash around liberally. In fact, you'll discover on the next date that he spent so much trying to impress you, he has to borrow 50p from you for his bus fare home.

J17 verdict Be careful – if your first meeting was a success, he might rob a bank just so he can see you again!

6 THE TORTURED POET

You find him alone in caffs, wearing glasses, nursing a cappuccino and poring over a Penguin Classic. He'll give the impression of being a deeply clever, 'intriguing' type, who'll write you love-poems and explain the meaning of words like 'existential'. In reality, when he gets home, he makes himself an orange squash and giggles over the dirty words in Viz.

J17 verdict Why would you wanna snog a boring, zwotty type anyway?

7 PRETENDING TO BE A GLAMOROUS FOREIGN TYPE

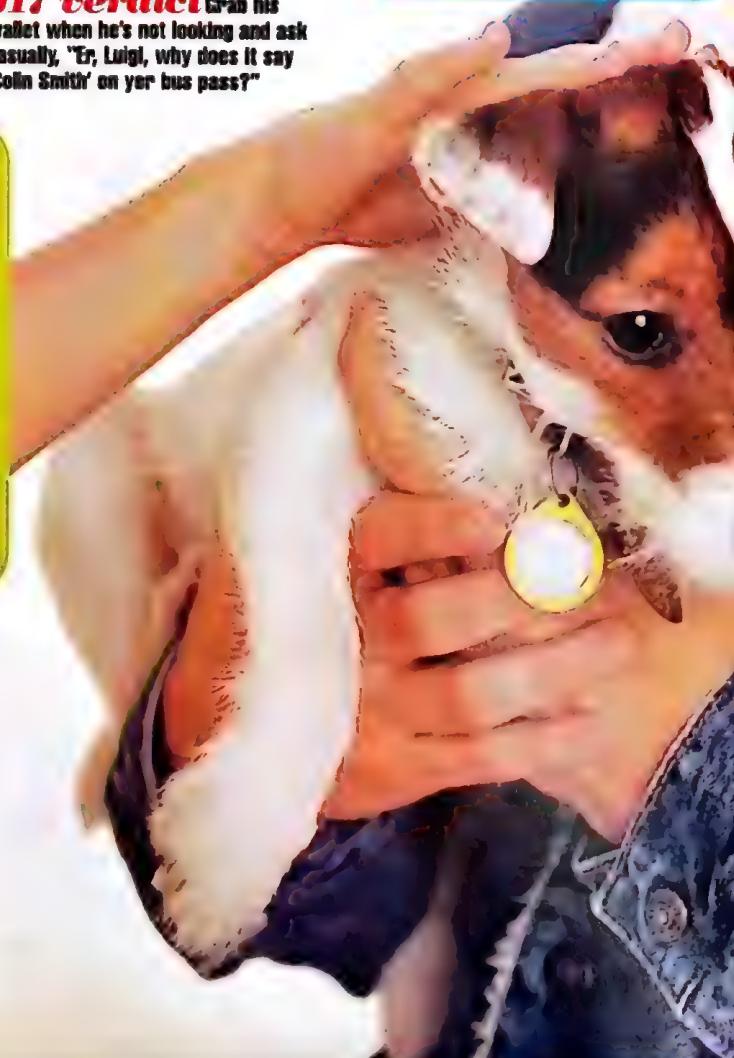
It doesn't just happen in films, y'know. There really are lads out there who think they can convince you they're from a small village in Tuscany, when in fact they hail from Hartlepool. A few sunbed sessions, some hair gel, a silly accent and bingo! He's a Latin lover.

J17 verdict Grab his wallet when he's not looking and ask casually, 'Er, Luigi, why does it say 'Colin Smith' on yer bus pass?'

8 THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

Beware the lad who acts all effeminate, wears nail varnish, gossips with the girls and gives the impression he's no threat whatsoever. Girls gradually let their guard down and then, bang! Out of the blue, he jumps on them. They're usually so shocked they snog him just out of curiosity.

J17 verdict At least you might be able to borrow his moisturiser.



guys



9 PUPPY LOVE

The pulling battle's half-won if a lad can get your attention long enough to use our corny lines. An effective prop to make that contact is a puppy. Every boy knows that wiggly, snuffly-wuffly puppies are total toty magnets. He simply takes the wee fella (owned or borrowed) for a walk in the park and within seconds he'll be surrounded by a flock of girls, all oohing and aahing over the pooch. The rest is easy.

J17 verdict It's a cynical ploy and a tad desperate, but at least you get to stroke a nice puppy.

10 LET ME HELP YOU OUT OF THOSE WET CLOTHES

When a guy has to walk across the room to chat to you at a party, those few metres can seem like an Indiana Jones-sized chasm. So he's forced to use desperate measures, like walking past you and 'accidentally' spilling a drink all over you. Well, at least his offer to pay the dry-cleaning bill is an excuse to talk to you!

J17 verdict Look on the bright side – if he's fit, you might be able to persuade him to take you shopping for a new outfit.

11 OOH BABY BABY

When a puppy's unavailable, a guy may be forced to use another prop. Many a seasoned sharker has been known to borrow his older sister's cute kid (remembering to train the toddler to lisp, 'Uncle Dave, why haven't you got a girlfriend?' at regular intervals), parading it around shopping malls and thus attracting the attention of lots of fit girls. The added bonus is that he comes over as a sensitive kinda guy.

J17 verdict Give the guy a break. Looking after a toddler for an afternoon ain't easy, y'know.

12 THE LAUGH FACTOR

Girls are always banging on about how they like boys with a sense of humour. But what's a chap to do if he's got a personality like the middle of a Polo? Simple. Why, he persuades a mate to stand next to him and roar with laughter at everything he says. Girls'll assume he's a veritable Harry Enfield and by the time they discover the awful truth, it'll be too late!

J17 verdict No laughs, no snogs, that's our motto.

13 DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE

Boys on the tug often hunt in packs. When you've been chatting to a bloke and he goes off to the toilet, his mates will start singing his praises. Stuff like, 'Oh yeah, Pete's a real stud. Everyone at our school fancies him.' Pete'll return his mates' favour at a later date.

J17 verdict Forget him. You'd never get in see him without his posse.

14 THE MACHO MAN

This lad reckons girls like 'em tough. So he acts the he-man with, 'I don't look for trouble, but if any bloke steps out of line with me or my lady, I'll give him a slap.'

J17 verdict Dork talk!

15 PLAYING THE 'SHY' CARD

'Hello, I, er, don't normally do this kind of thing, but I was just wondering, um, if you'd like to dance.' Lads know how flattering it is to pretend that although we're desperately shy, you're soooo attractive we've had to conquer our fear.

J17 verdict Don't be fooled.

16 MR POPULAR

Beware the boy with the mobile phone that rings constantly. He may have paid his little bro' to call him at ten-minute intervals, then have convos about imaginary parties he's been invited to.

J17 verdict If his phone rings that often, he'll be one boring date!

17 I'M GIGGS... DEREK GIGGS

Claiming to be related to someone famous is a popular ice-breaker. Lads'll pretend it just happened to come up in conversation, like, 'Nice weather today. By the way, did you know my brother's Ewan McGregor?' He knows you'll put up with him, on the off-chance you might get to meet his, er, big brother.

J17 verdict Demand photographic evidence.

AMERICA'S M

CHELSEA CLINTON, THE 16-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF THE US PRESIDENT, HAS BEEN CRITICISED, TEASED AND GENERALLY HUMILIATED BY THE PRESS. BUT HERE AT J17, WE RECKON SHE'S ONE COOL COOKIE...

Right, here's the deal. You've lived in the same house since you were a tot, you're doing well at school (you're Class President) and you even have a hassle-free relationship with your olds. Then everything goes pear-shaped. Your dad gets promoted and you have to move away from your pals, pets and possible dates. Suddenly everyone's chiefing you out about the way you look. Your parents are always busy and you're having a gruesome time with all that puberty business. Chelsea Clinton, this is your life!

Chelsea who? Chelsea Clinton's the daughter of Bill (President of the United States Bill), one of the most important men in the world. Her ma, Hillary, is First Lady. That gives our Chelsea the silly-sounding official title of First Child (making her Chelsea FC, arf).

Her family leapt to fame in 1992 when Chelsea was 12. Her father, then the governor of Arkansas, won the election to become President of the most powerful country in the developed world. Chelsea and her family had to leave their home of

ten years for the palatial swankness of the White House in Washington DC, and Bill insisted on Chelsea releasing her pet frog into the River Arkansas so the croaky fella could 'live a normal life'. Not surprisingly, she wept buckets.

PUT THE BOOT IN

From that moment on, Chelsea's life changed radically. Not only did she have to get used to a Secret Service escort constantly following her, but she had to face the world's media. Not since President Carter's nine-year-old daughter Amy moved into the White House in the '70s had there been, gasp, a young 'un

living in the Prez's pad.

Imagine the media attention Boyzone get, times it by ten, and

you have some idea of what Chelsea has to stand up to. And there's five of Boyzone to take the flak.



That's showbiz! Chelsea meets Hollywood star Paul Newman

It didn't help that Chelsea was going through an ug-bug puberty. With frizzy hair and a fixed brace,

most of us would've refused to go within a miles of a camera, but poor

ol' Cheis had TV crews from all around the globe camping outside her window. Afflicted by chronic shyness, she clung to her dad as though her life depended on it whenever she appeared in public, and said as little as possible.

CHELSEA BRIDGEWORK

Although Bill 'n' Hill asked the press to lay off their daughter, she was considered fair game. Political commentator Rush Limbaugh held a picture of Socks, the White House cat, up to a TV camera, then one of Chelsea, dubbing her 'the White House dog'. And she was only 12! Another jaundiced journo said Chelsea was 'freckly and prone to acne, with a mouthful of corrective dentistry'. It's called adolescence, mate. Sympathisers protested with 'Leave Chelsea



Alone' banners, but the press refused to give the girl a break.

Everyone predicted Chelsea would grow up corrupted by the media attention, take a walk on the wild side and disgrace her famous family name. But over the last four years, and against all the odds, Chelsea has grown into a stylish, sorted 16-year-old, and we at J17 feel she deserves to be recognised as one of the coolest kids around. Chelsea girl, we salute you.



Fourteen-year-old Chelsea with a couple of pals

WORST HATED?

J17 investigates



Chelsea style: big hair and political tees

STYLE STUFF

- Chelsea's good at working the casual look. She combines Birkenstocks with cool t-shirts carrying political and environmental slogans.
- OK, so she's been spotted in some pretty frumpy floral frocks too. But all her schoolmates stand up for her, pointing out that she can't exactly get togged up in miniskirts and cropped tops when she's a public figure.
- Chelsea's been chiefted for her big hair – but we think her natural curls rule.



Frock horror! But a cropped top's a walkabout no-no

CHILL-OUT STUFF

- Chelsea's the goalie for a girl's footie team and loves volleyball.
- She gets in touch with her feminine side by being ballet bonkers. Chels has danced in several productions of *The Nutcracker* and even the hardest press hacks were forced to admit she was pretty impressive.
- She's even up for the odd poker night and loves watching movies in the White House screening room.
- Musically, she digs alternative bands and got Joe Newton from US noiseniks Gashuffer to paint a pic of Pa. The painting shows the Billster in jogging shorts surrounded by Big Macs!
- She hasn't forgotten her pals – they regularly get together at the White House for sleep-overs. Bet it's a trek to the kitchen for munchies!



Chelsea Kasper

SUSSED STUFF

- Chelsea larges it, lesson-wise. She's so big in the brain department, she was moved up a year at her old school, Booker Arts Magnet in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Nowadays, she excels at history and 'non-girly' topics like science and maths at the swank Sidwell Friends School in Washington DC.
- Chelsea's currently looking around colleges with her ma, and is expected to get a place at a prestigious university like Harvard or Yale.

DATING STUFF

- Now she's turned sweet 16, our Chelsea's started dating eligible young lads.
- She was rumoured to be seeing teen actor John Daurer from US soap *As The World Turns*, and was later spotted with a spunkly lad in the Washington DC branch of Planet Hollywood.
- But her path to true love ain't never gonna be easy. She has to take eight Secret Service agents with her wherever she goes and will have to have a bodyguard for the rest of her life. Not much snog potential there then.

FUTURE STUFF

- Her dad's been voted in for another stint as President, so Chels can use the White House as her crash pad 'till she's 20.
- She isn't likely to follow in her father's footsteps. "All Mom and Dad ever talk about is politics. I'm getting kinda sick of it," she says. Her ambition's to reach for the stars. Not the celeb kind – she wants to be an astronaut!
- However, when she joined her dad on the campaign trail for his re-election last year, she was greeted with posters declaring 'Chelsea for President 2016'. Watch this space!

Hit the spot

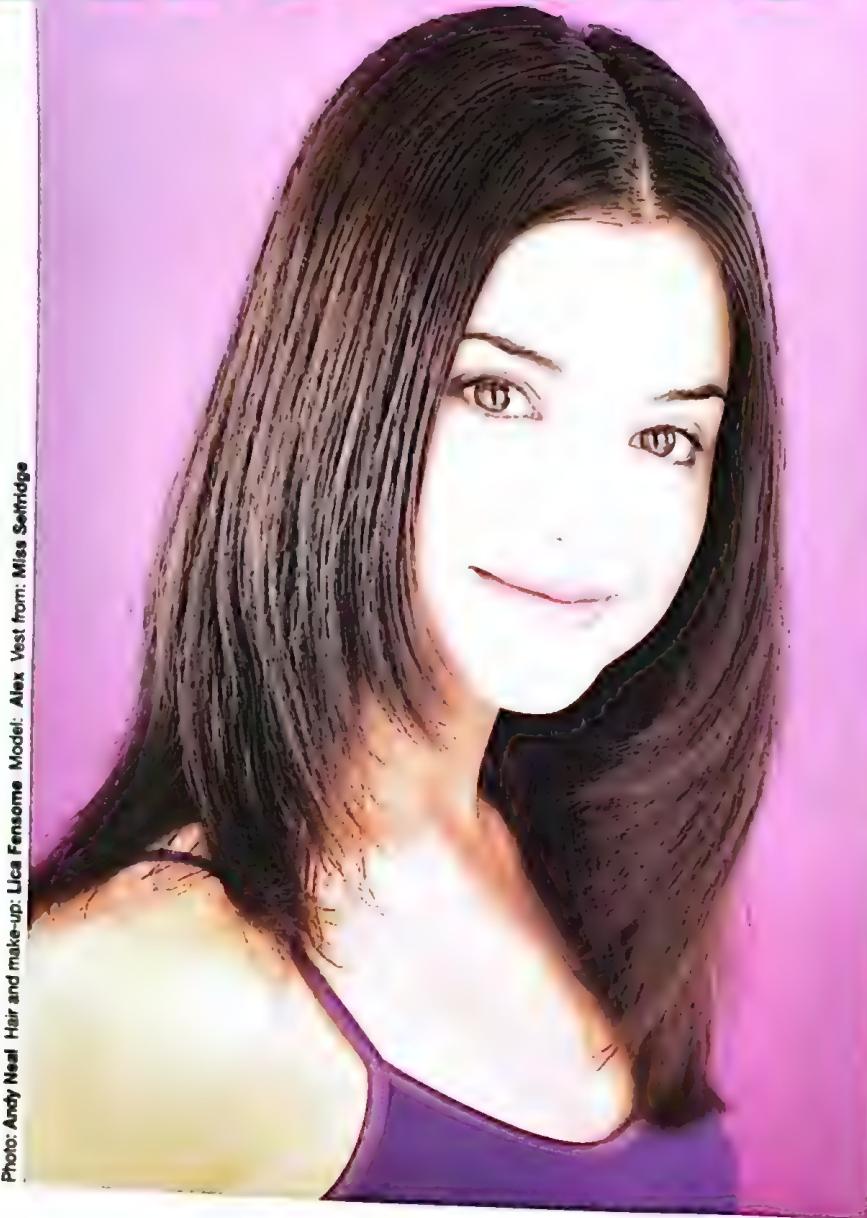


Photo: Andy Neal Hair and make-up: Lica Fensome Model: Alex Vest from: Miss Settrington

Are you dying to zap your zits, but worried about upsetting your sensitive skin? If so, you're not alone: loads of teenage girls suffer from skin that's both sensitive and prone to spots.

Now, it's possible to treat your spots with a product suitable for sensitive skin. PanOxyl 2.5 is kind to skin, but effective in fighting spots and mild acne, giving sensitive spot sufferers the best of both worlds.

Clear skin checklist

- ✓ Do eat healthily. Chocolate and junk food won't give you spots, but neither does it contain the vitamins you need for clear, healthy skin. Eat fresh veg with your meals and munch on fresh fruit when you're feeling peckish.
- ✗ Don't touch your face if you can help it. And you wouldn't dare dream of squeezing your spots, would you now?
- ✓ Do keep your skin scrupulously clean. Thorough cleansing, morning and night, is a clear skin basic.
- ✗ Don't fret too much over the odd spot. They're a totally normal part of being a teenager, and shouldn't stop you from doing anything you want to do.
- ✓ Do keep your hair clean. A greasy fringe flopping in your face can eventually lead to pimples.

PanOxyl gets tough on zits, while being kind to sensitive skin...

TOP TEN

Ten reasons to check out the spot-fighting powers of PanOxyl 2.5

If you're one of the 45 per cent of teenage girls who consider themselves to have sensitive skin, some spot treatments can affect your skin. .

Spots always seem to strike when they're least welcome, like just before an important party or first date. Many of the products you might have tried before can leave your skin feeling dry, red and sore – adding to the problem of disguising the spot.

If you think hiding a spot with make-up is difficult, try hiding a patch of red, dry, aggravated skin. It's much more difficult, as concealer will crease and flake when applied to sore patches of skin.

Wherever you suffer from mild acne or common spots – the chest and back are common problem areas – you can use PanOxyl 2.5.

PanOxyl 2.5 is very easy to use. Just apply the gel once daily after cleansing, to the areas affected by spots.

PanOxyl 2.5 is unique: it contains 2.5 per cent of the active ingredient Benzoyl Peroxide, and in recent tests has been shown to be particularly suitable for sensitive skin.

You can trust PanOxyl 2.5 – it contains the spot-fighting formula already prescribed by many GPs.

Now, you don't have to visit your doctor to get hold of this medically-approved product – just ask for it over the counter at your local pharmacist.

At £3.10, PanOxyl 2.5 gives kind, effective spot-fighting skincare that won't break the bank.

No-one will know you're using PanOxyl 2.5 – it's invisible, and you can wear make-up over the top if you like.





Whiteout!

Get bleachy keen with the coolest chill-out gear...

1 Fluffy zip-front cardigan £53 from **Sisley** 2 Hat with up-turned brim £24 by **Kangol** 3 Combat trousers £40 from **Home** 4 Lace-trim thermal vest £9.99 by **Damart** 5 Hooded sweat top approx £49 from **The Original Levi Store** 6 V-neck top £39.99 by **Diva** 7 Trainers £89 from **Chiple** 8 Clear plastic

jacket filled with polystyrene balls £76.99 by **Pepe** 9 Stretch hipsters £45.99 by **Diva** 10 Skinny leather belt from a selection by **Otto Glanz** 11 Canvas belt approx £10 by **Otto Glanz** 12 Eye definer £2.75 by **Cutex** 13 Lasting Colour nail varnish '08' £2.79 by **Cutex** 14 Powder eyeshadow £1.59 by **Rimmel**



TASMIN

Red tank top with white stripe £21 from Benetton
• Grey wide-leg flat-fronted trousers £24.99 from
H&M Hennes • White pumps £39.95 from Springcourt
• Black opaque tights £1.99 by Pamela Mann

TAKE IT EASY IN A TANK TOP



DIAGONAL STRIPES GIVE
SHE'S A NEW ANGLE

ZOE
Grey and black striped shirt £40 by Nove
from Home • Off-white maxi 'combat'
skirt £50 by Putch from Home



ZOE
Red and black checkered shift dress with brown panel £55
from Red Or Dead • Red checked
shirt £40 by Dawls from Home



BLACK LEATHER CROMBIE
COATS ADD COOL TO
KNITTED ROLL NECKS

ZOE

Black leather crombie coat £55
from Red Or Dead • Grey knitted
roll-neck top £22 from Home • Red
checkered shirt £40 by Dawls from Home

TOP GEAR



ZOE

Classic denim jacket £62 from
The Original Levi Store
★ Black 'casino' top £35 from
Home ★ Black knee-length skirt
£25 from **Miss Selfridge**
★ White pumps £39.95 by
Springcourt ★ Black opaque
tights £2.50 by **Aristoc** ★ Gold
locket on chain style no:
234/4111 £22.99 from **Argos**

PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN AND
DEMAND NEW-WAVE CLASSICS
WITH OPTIONAL EXTRAS...

ZOE
Purple suede coat from
a selection by **Miss
Selfridge** ★ Pink vest
top £13 from **Miss
Selfridge** ★ Black
rock-croc skirt £29
from **Benetton** ★ Black
bowling bag £20 from
Miss Selfridge ★ Gold
locket on chain style no:
284/9611 £13.75 from
Argos ★ Black opaque
tights £2.50 by **Aristoc**

TOP GEAR

**GIVE DOUBLE-BREasted JACKETS A
NEW LEASE OF LIFE WITH VEST TOPS
IN CLASHING COLOURS**

Gold crucifix
on chain
£29.99 from
H Samuel

TASMIN
Grey jacket
£49.99 by
Marten
Violet shirt
with
epaulettes
£29.99
from **H&M**
Hennes
Denim
skirt £9.99
from **H&M**
Hennes

TASMIN
Lime flat-fronted
trousers £35 by
Farah ★ Silver ID
bracelet £4.95
by **Chunkydory**

Brown suede Jays trainers
£58 from **Red Or Dead**
Black opaque tights
£2.50 by **Pamela Mann**



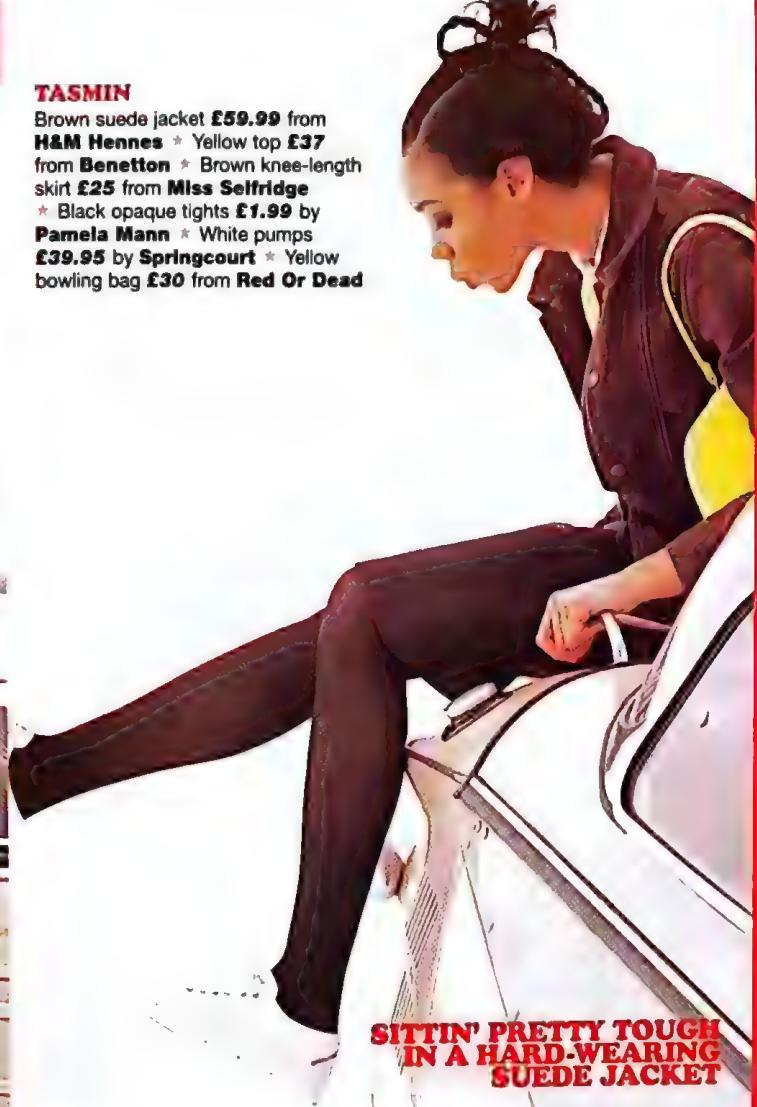


SCRUFF UP THOSE HEMS ON BIG, BAGGY FLAT-FRONTED TROUSERS

ZOE
Fitted denim shirt £19.99
from **H&M Hennes** ★ Camel
wide-leg flat-fronted trousers
£24.99 from **H&M Hennes**

TASMIN

Brown suede jacket £59.99 from
H&M Hennes ★ Yellow top £37
from **Benetton** ★ Brown knee-length
skirt £25 from **Miss Selfridge**
★ Black opaque tights £1.99 by
Pamela Mann ★ White pumps
£39.95 by **Springcourt** ★ Yellow
bowling bag £30 from **Red Or Dead**



**SITTIN' PRETTY TOUGH
IN A HARD-WEARING
SUEDE JACKET**

ZOE

Cream second-hand
leather coat £24.99
from **Rokit** Check
out charity shops for
similar ★ Blue shirt
£48 by **Komodo** from
Hype DF ★ Indigo
denim skirt £32.50
from **The Original
Levi's Store** ★ Gold
signet ring style no:
231/0970 £11.99
from **Argos** ★ Black
opaque tights £2.50
by **Aristoc** ★ White
pumps £39.95 by
Springcourt



TASMIN

Black ribbed role
£18 from
Miss Selfridge ★
Red skirt £45 from
Kookai ★ Black
opaque tights
1.99 by **Pamela
Mann** ★ White
pumps £39.95
by **Springcourt**

**WOLD IN STRIPED
TOPS AND SKIRTS**



• 12m sleeveless roll neck with
long sleeves £39.99 from
Topshop • Indigo denim jeans
£34.99 from H&M Hennes

TOP GEAR

★ Fashion: **Nell** Photos: **Megan Hawkins** assisted by
Mark Bond ★ Hair and make-up: **Clare Ray** at Bramwell
O'Donnell ★ Models: **Tasmin** at Select and **Zoe** at Modeis
One ★ Many thanks to **Neville Stephens** for the loan of his
Messerschmitt bubble car, tel: 0171-371 5070 for enquiries



ZOE
Black PVC jacket £45 from Miss
Selfridge ★ Pale blue 'teabag'
vest top £25 from Red Or Dead

Fashion

MOST WANTED

Best buys, top ideas by the fash crew

Street wise



It has to be said that Pepe jeans have come up with the coolest range of street style gear for this Spring/Summer. True, they're a little bit more costly than the average Oxfam bargain, but they're well worth saving yer dosh for. Baggy jeans (to be worn on the hips), hooded sweats and unisex-style shirts are the pick of the crop. So what are you waitin' for? House of Fraser, Selfridges, Top Shop/Top Man (Oxford Circus) and most good jeans shops stock a selection of the range.

Topquoise shirt £32.99 and cut-off jeans £39.99



Top draw

Stick insects ahoy! One of our fave stores, H&M Hennes have come up with these stylish sketches to illustrate some of the best new looks for Spring. But exactly how thin do they think we mere mortals are? They do come in sizes 8 to 16 though, and as always they aren't gonna break the bank.



Red alert!

Did we mention that freak fashion was going to be a hot new look in the world of celebdom? We don't think so! Still, these starry sox seem intent on looking strangely scarlet. **Madonna** is more dead than red in what looks like granny's curtains, and as for **Kylie**... no, we can't believe it either. Please say it's a temporary tan gone wrong.

Bag to basics

The trusty granny-style basket has been given a facelift courtesy of **Miss Selfridge**. These little numbers are just the job for accidentally batting any queue jumpers in the rush for the number 27 (yep grannies do it all the time, honest!). Plus you can stash away more than just homework files in it - there's plenty of room for your lippy and J17 too.



Where it's at!

A Apple Tree 62 Neal St, London WC2, 0171-436 0737 - **Aristoc** -

Argos 01908 600161 - **Benetton** 0171-731 4564

CAA 0171-629 1044 - **Chippie** 0171-494 1240/01527 61828 -

Chunkydory 0181-866 7263 - **Converse** 01372 740 033

Damart 01274 510000 - **Diva** 0171-637 0267 - **Dr Martens** 0171-407 1460*

Farah 01376 502 345

H Samuels 0181-905 9000 - **H&M Hennes** 0171-255 2031 - **Home** 39 Beak St, London W1, 0171-287 3708 - **Hype DF** 48-52 Kensington High St, London W8 0171-938 3801

Kangol 0171-487 4888 - **Kookai** 0171-937 4411 - **Komodo** 0171-490 6101

Levis 01604 790436

L Miss Selfridge 0171-436 8280

Otto Glanz 0181-365 1711

P Pamela Mann - **Pepe** 0171-836 8666

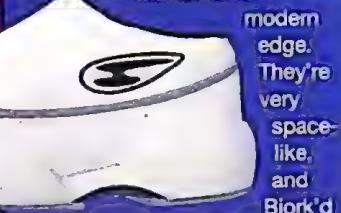
R Red or Dead 0171-379 7571 - **Rokit** 0181-801 8600

S Sisley 0161-929 9259 - **Stride** 0171-507 1843

available from **JD Sports**, **Offspring**, **Cobra sports** -

Springcourt 0171-379 7856 - **Sun and Sand** 0171-490 1684

W Wallis 0181-910 1333



Hot tip: mad cow fever stampedes the catwalk (right). Moo-tiful!

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A top-to-toe guide
to strokable,
cuddlesome skin...

reflect skin

Softly softly

A few of our smooth-skin favourites



Get soaked

Lounging in the bath is not only the perfect way to pamper yourself, it's also the best effort-free way to soften up. Wise up to top tub tactics:

- Keep your soak short and sweet: longer than 15 minutes will actually

dry out your skin. If you start to see that prune-effect on your fingertips, it's time to get out.

- For maximum relaxation, run your bath just above blood temperature. Test the water with your elbow – it should feel warm, not hot. If you're heading out later, keep the bath cool – it's less likely

but they can look exactly the same.

- Don't use body scrub on your face – it's too harsh. A gentle polishing scrub is the most you should use on delicate facial skin.
- To work properly, body scrub has to be massaged well over your skin (just slapping it on and rinsing it off won't work). Use sweeping

motions, always in the direction of your heart.

- Elbows always need special attention – and if you're wearing an outfit that exposes bits which have been hidden for months (like upper arms or midriff) give these an extra scrub to brighten up the skin.

Skin treats

Make sure the bathroom door stays shut as you wallow in your bath or take a shower – that way the bathroom will be warmer when you step out. Dry yourself, then smooth on some body moisturiser while your skin is still slightly damp. Treat yourself to the body lotion to match your favourite scent and you'll be extra-fragrant as well as extra-soft.



Smooth talking

Who's got the softest skin in the world? Helena Christensen takes the biscuit, according to Michael Hutchence. "She has the most perfectly smooth skin like 100 per cent Egyptian cotton sheets" said Hutch of Helena before he dumped her.

Fresh start

Want to know how to make 1997 your most beautiful year yet? Read on to find out...

'Tis the month for New Year resolutions. So start as you mean to go on, with a healthy, balanced diet, exercise and a tip-top daily cleansing regime from **Clearasil**. The good news is that working towards clearer skin is easier

than you think. The **Clearasil** daily cleansing routine is quick and simple – it's your ticket towards a better looking, more confident 1997. So stick to your resolutions: being good has never been such a smart idea.



Your top three clearer skin resolutions

- 1 Clean up your act: a first class cleansing regime is the first step on your way to spotless skin. But for best results, you need to stick to the routine of cleansing morning and night, every day.
- 2 Hands off: leave your skin alone. Why squeeze and pick when you know you'll regret it?
- 3 Don't let the odd spot get you down: – it's not the end of the world!

Max strength
occasional spot happens to everyone. Instead of breaking out, reach for **Clearasil Max 10*** £4.25. Apply it as soon as you see a hint of redness, and it gets to work helping to minimise the life expectancy of the zit. There's no stronger treatment available without prescription!

*Contains Benzoyl Peroxide: always read the label.

Clearasil wish you a happy new year!



Do the right thing: **Clearasil's expert guide to daily cleansing**

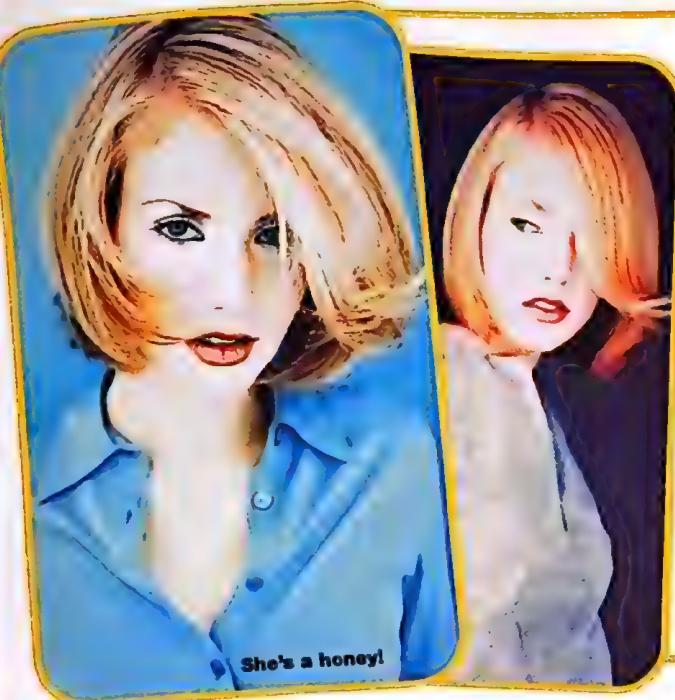
- 1 Choose the **Clearasil** Medicated Lotion £2.99 that's right for your skin type. If you've got normal and oily skin try the greasy skin formula. Girls who have sensitive skin but still suffer from spots should opt for the sensitive skin formula.
- 2 Morning and night, secure your hair off your face, wash your hands and sweep a cotton wool ball moistened with **Clearasil** lotion over your face and neck to remove lurking grime, make-up and bacteria. If you wear eye make-up, it's a good idea to shift this first with eye make-up remover.
- 3 Repeat this with a fresh cotton wool ball until your cotton wool is clear of grunge.
- 4 To soften skin and protect from spot-causing bacteria, follow with **Clearasil** Medicated Moisturiser £3.59.



Beauty

MOST WANTED

Hot hair and slap tips by Jessie



She's a honey!

Pearls of wisdom

Pearl Drops are so pleased with their new Icemint Advanced Whitening Toothpolish that they're giving away eight goodie bags guaranteed to make you smile. Each kit's



worth £65 and contains swank **Mary Quant Lipstick**, **Lip Liner** and **Lip Mix**, silver lipbrush from **Muji**, silver compact mirror and **Wisdom** travel toothbrush, as well as **Pearl Drops** Icemint Advanced Whitening Toothpaste.

To win, send your name and address

on a postcard to

J17/Pearl

Drops

Icemint,

PRP14,

PO Box 7,

Folkestone,

Kent CT19

6PG. Winners

will be picked

at random

after 29

February.

Give your lips a complex – a multi-vitamin complex, that is! It's the ultimate treat for chapped, flaky lips. Lip experts **Labello** have added Vitamin E and Provitamin B5 to their **Labello Classic** lipbalm to give you smoother, suppler lips – fast.

Smooth talking



'Cause the vitamins are absorbed directly by your lips, dried-out smackers get brilliant results pronto. And there's more good news: **Labello Classic** and **Labello Rose**, a lipbalm with a pink tint, cost just £1.19 from good chemists.

Fair play

Fudge, honey and caramel were the hair colours at the spring catwalk shows. Warm blonde tones are topping the fashion charts, and models Amber Valletta and Georgina Grenville rule the roost with their shiny blonde barnets.

Steer clear of brassy tones, and head for a soft, toffee-toned blonde that flatters your complexion.

The looks here were created by top colourist **Daniel Galvin**, whose home-colouring **Salon Colour £4.95** in **Warm Dark Blonde** gives extra richness, softness and shine to blonde and light brown hair.

J17 tip: Have your highlights gone brassy? Try toning 'em down with **Alberto VO5 Colour Enhancing Shampoo £2.99** in **Silver Blonde**.

Beauty Q&A

Longing for style

Q My ballet teacher likes us to keep our hair long and one length so we can put it up neatly. I'm dying to have layers but because of this I can't. Any ideas how I can make my one-length hair look more interesting? **Rebecca (13), Manchester**

A The good thing about long hair that's all the same length is that it's easier to put up. And there are loads of cool ways to wear your hair up. Try twisting it into a bun and letting the ends stick out, adding gel to make them extra spiky. Or pile your hair up messily and add cool accessories like fake flowers. You'll find cheap ones in haberdashery sections of department stores.

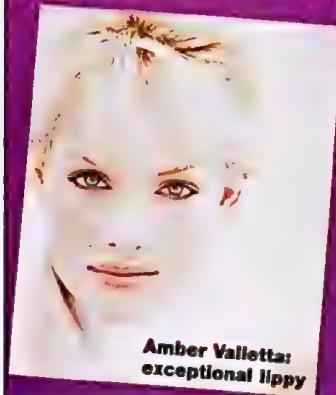
Break away

Q My hair's really dry and breaks easily. I always end up with a 'halo' of wispy bits all over my head. Is there anything I can do? **Jasmine (14), Sussex**

A Steer clear of perms or straightening treatments, which can be too harsh for delicate hair, and keep blow-drying to a minimum. Also, be careful of using elastic bands (covered ones are much better) and snap clips. To 'damp down' any frizzy bits, use a shine-spray like **Citre Shine Shine Mist**.

Our favourite's favourite

Fancy a slice of catwalk style? There's a new addition to the **Elizabeth Arden Exceptional Lipstick** range this week. It's a perfect shimmering beige lippy called 'Amber' and supermodel Amber Valletta helped create it. At £12.50 it's a tad pricy, but a tiptop investment.



● Don't fret in silence – send your beauty problems to Jessie c/o 'Beauty most wanted', J17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED, and she'll solve 'em for you.

Hot tip: foundation looks more natural if you gently 'buff' it with a cotton wool pad

advice

Write to: Anita Nair, Nick Fisher or Annabel G, Advice, Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. It would be helpful if you could include your age and the area you live in. Unfortunately Just 17's Advice columnists cannot answer your problems on the telephone. If you have an urgent problem, please contact ChildLine free on 0800 1111 – we work very closely with them – or Caroline on 0181-514 1177 (calls to Caroline will be charged at the local rate and will appear on your phone bill).

He said I was lousy in bed

I've just started sleeping with my boyfriend and it's embarrassing, painful and I hate it. My boyfriend keeps telling me to relax, but I can't 'cause I don't want to do it. I tried telling him, but he said if I didn't try I was always going to be lousy in bed. I was really hurt and told him so. He just said if I was more into it sex would be great. I know it's all my fault, but I don't know what to do. **Depressed (16), Dulwich**

● This is not 'all your fault'. If sex isn't great the responsibility lies with *both* partners. Your boyfriend blames you 'cause he doesn't want to consider the possibility that he might be to blame. So he's pressurising you to get his way. If he really cared for you, he'd back off and listen to you. Remember, you have the right to say no to sex at any time. If you're not enjoying it – and with this pressure, who could blame you? – don't even think about sex with him. You don't deserve such a selfish guy.



They won't let me grow up

My parents really get on my nerves. My mum says I ignore her and that I prefer my friends' company to hers', which I admit is true. But my mates don't bug me all the time. My dad's exactly the same. He keeps saying I've changed and have become nasty. It feels like they won't let me grow up and have a

life that doesn't involve them. They also won't let me have any privacy and go mad when I won't listen to them. Help!

Fed up (14), Bristol

● Lots of parents have a tough time watching their kids grow up. As hard as it is for you to gain independence from them, it's harder for your folks to let go of you. After all, they're used to you doing what they say and being friends with people they approve of. They're not ready for you to have a mind and will of your own.

But you can make life easier by compromising. Spend a bit of time with them now and then. Talk to

them and let them feel a part of your life. Then they won't feel so rejected and won't be so clingy.

He doesn't love me

I'm madly in love with a boy who doesn't feel the same way about me. He's the most popular boy in school and can have any girl he wants. He never really talks to me unless he wants something and usually ignores me when I say hello. Despite this I love him but I'm frustrated 'cause I know he'll never ask me out. Everyone tells me to forget him, but they just don't understand how I feel.

J17 reader (14)

● Everyone says 'forget him' because they *do* understand how you feel. They see how deep your feelings go, and they know how miserable it's making you. They also see that this boy will never give you what you want. That's why they want to save you from more hurt.

Try to see that part of the reason you're so set on this guy is that he's just not interested – as a result, there's little chance of your fantasy becoming reality. Look at why you love him. If he treats you so badly and ignores you, what is making you love him? Surely you deserve more than this.



I want to get married

I've been going out with my boyfriend for two years and I desperately want us to get married. He says he loves me, but insists we're too young to marry. But we know we love each other and always want to be together, so why not do it now? My parents and friends are also against it, but this makes me even more determined to show them I'm right. I love him and I want everyone to know we're together. How do I get them to see I'm serious?

Michelle (16), Kent

● People don't get married just to 'show' people – they do it because they're ready and sure. Although you are sure you love each other, it doesn't sound like your boyfriend is ready to get married. And who can blame him? At 16, you have

your whole lives ahead of you – places to go, things to learn and jobs to get. This doesn't mean he doesn't love you or want to be with you, just that he can't see what the rush is.

Surely it's better to get married once you have

some experience and money behind you. Statistically, the later you marry, the more chance there is of it lasting. And isn't that the most important thing?

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Anita Naik

I lied about my virginity

I told my boyfriend I was a virgin – but I lost my virginity when I was 12. I only had sex once and I totally regretted. I know it was stupid to lie, but I want my boyfriend to like me. Now I'm terrified he'll discover the truth and hate me for it. What can I do? J17 fan (15)

It's a myth that everyone has to disclose their past encounters to their boyfriends. It's up to you to tell him just what you want him to know. Anyway, this lie isn't about him – it's about you, so it doesn't have the power to hurt him.

Let me reassure you and say that you have nothing to be ashamed of. You had sex and regretted it, so why punish yourself? We all make mistakes. If discovering you're not a virgin puts this guy off, what does this say about him? Think about it!

body talk

I have painful periods

I have the worst period pain in the world. Every month I get terrible cramps and can't do anything. Sometimes I feel like I'm going to be sick, other times I just have to sleep 'cause I'm so tired. Everyone thinks I'm faking it. Please help. Jill (15)

Period pain usually takes the form of bad cramps and pains in the lower back and abdomen. The medical name for this pain is dysmenorrhoea, and for some people it's so bad it causes them to faint and be sick.

Contrary to popular belief, period pain isn't all in the mind.



– it's caused by muscle spasms in the uterus. In milder cases painkillers can help (talk to your pharmacist first), but if your pains are so bad that you can't cope, see your GP for help.

Help yourself by...

- Taking hot baths and using a hot water bottle to alleviate cramps.
- Exercising, which causes your body to release endorphins (the body's natural painkiller). This will help you to cope with the cramps.
- Eating plain, simple foods at regular intervals throughout the course of your period, and drinking plenty of water.

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boy's view

For a boy's view on your problems, write to Nick Fisher, Advice, Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. He's happy to answer letters from male readers too.



Nick Fisher

They slag off my ex

I've recently been dumped by my girlfriend and it's totally cut me up inside. The worst part is, she got a mate of hers to break the bad news to me. Because of this, some of my mates have started calling my ex a slag for the way she treated me. In a way this is upsetting me even more. I know she was wrong, but I don't like hearing her insulted like this. What can I do? **Tony (15)**

• If you want to show how much of a man you really are, tell your mates to leave your ex alone. You have every right to feel hurt that she dumped you in such a shabby way, and you also have every right to tell her so. But no-one else has the right to say anything about her on your behalf. And if you allow your mates to insult her, it's an insult to you as well.

Besides, slagging her off won't make you feel better and it won't make any other girls want to trust you. So do stand up for your ex. Learning to forgive and forget gracefully is a great skill.



My guy's so jealous

Recently I split up with my boyfriend of two years. I'm over him now and am seeing another guy. The problem is, my new boyfriend's a mate of my ex, and whenever I mention my ex's name he gets really uptight and jealous. To make things worse, I work with my ex, so avoiding him is impossible. I don't want to lose my new guy, but how can I make him trust me? **Confused J17 fan**

• Your new guy's problems with your ex stem from his own insecurities. He may also be getting stick from his mates. But when it comes down to it, this is really his problem. If you show your boyfriend

that you're over your ex and that he's the only man for you, then it's up to him to take the next step.

You can't really do anything except reassure him and make sure he understands the situation. Be open and honest about your own feelings and fears, and don't avoid the subject. Otherwise he might build up resentment or get the wrong picture.

Basically, you can't wave a magic wand and take away his feelings – it's up to him to deal with them and, ultimately, trust you.

I can't satisfy her

I've been in a relationship with a girl for the last three months and we've had sex a few times. The trouble is,

I get so excited that I ejaculate before anything really happens. I'd like to ask a mate about it, but I'm too scared to admit to it. But I can't satisfy her and I'm worried she might dump me. Please help, as I'm starting to run out of excuses. **Oasis fan (16)**

• Sex isn't easy the first few times, and it's perfectly normal to suffer from premature ejaculation. Instead of telling a mate, why not talk to your girlfriend about it? Don't stay silent in the hope that it'll get better. Feeling nervous might make it worse. The best way to deal with it is together. If you're intimate enough for sex, then surely you can trust her with your anxiety.

So instead of attempting sex again, try talking about it first. Stick to petting and touching each other, and don't go too far too soon. After all, you can be a lot more intimate and relaxed by just being close rather than going for the whole thing. Sex isn't a contest, so don't make it into one.

Love-letter nightmare

Lately I've been hanging around with a guy at school and it's obvious how we feel about each other. But all that changed after I tried to send him a love-letter. Because I'm shy, I gave it to a mate of his, but stupidly I didn't make it clear that it wasn't meant for him! As a result, the guy I fancy thinks I like his mate and has gone off me. The whole situation is a big mess and I don't know how to fix it. **Nathalie (14)**

• As you've discovered the hard way, the love-letter route can be a treacherous one. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, especially when friends are involved. The easiest way to untangle this love knot is to do what you should've done in the

first place – be up-front with this guy and tell him exactly what went wrong. If he likes you the way you think he does, the chances are he'll be delighted to find out it was all a big mistake.

And in future, remember that the more complicated you make things, the more likely they are to be misunderstood. Keep it simple.

He rang me for sex

I really fancy my brother's mate. Although we haven't got together yet, it's likely that something will happen soon. But there's one thing that's put me off him – a call he made the other day when he was drunk. He basically said how much he fancied me and that he wanted to have sex soon. I didn't know how to react and just changed the subject. I haven't seen him since and don't know whether I should ask him why he made the call in the first place. **Worried (15)**

• This guy isn't respecting your feelings. Maybe he was drunk – but all the same, it's not a good sign. You need to think carefully before you have anything else to do with him. After all, why does he think he can make such demands? If anything, it suggests he has a low opinion of you.

I know you might feel flattered by his attention, but is this the sort of attention you really want? My advice would be to take things very slowly and carefully if you do decide to see him. Make sure he shows you respect and is nice to you. Don't just let him take you for granted. And don't even think about having sex with him until you're sure you trust him and that he cares for you. Because if sex is performed without love and respect, it can be an experience you'll regret for life. So think long and hard before you accept this boy's clumsy advances.

confidential

Send your sex-related problems to Annabel G, Advice, Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. It would be helpful if you could include your age.



Annabel G

Am I leading him on?

Do you think it's wrong to start heavy petting and then not go all the way? I enjoy it as far as we go, but I've made it very clear to my boyfriend that I'm not ready to have full sex yet. But he says I'm leading him on. Am I?

EastEnders fan (15)

● Sounds like you're doing exactly the right thing to me. Lots of young people heavy pet without having intercourse. It's a safe way for those under the legal age of consent to enjoy sex, without breaking the law. And don't forget, you are under 16. The important thing is that you make your sexy intentions clear beforehand, which you obviously did.

Quite frankly, I think your lad's being unreasonable. After all, you have told him how far you're prepared to go. You've been clear about it and you've been honest. So how can he then accuse you of 'leading him on'? I think he's just trying to pressure you into going all the way. So continue to stand your ground and don't give in to this transparent behaviour!



Was it an orgasm?

Can you have an orgasm without having intercourse? When my boyfriend and I are heavy petting, I get this brilliant tingly feeling down below. But my sister says you can only have an orgasm if you go all the way. So have I been imagining it all along?

Madonna fan, Northumberland

● I've got some good news for you: the 'brilliant tingly feeling' you describe isn't a figment of your imagination and, yes, you can reach orgasm without intercourse. If your boyfriend gently rubs your clitoris – the small, sensitive pea-like bump at the top of your vagina – it's quite likely you'll climax. The same goes for DIY pleasure (known as masturbation) – you can achieve the big 'O' all on your own too!

These facts prove you can have loads of fun without the need for intercourse. Which means there's no risk of getting pregnant or catching a sexually transmitted infection. Pretty excellent, eh?

Smear test facts

Could you tell me what happens when you have a smear test? I'm 17 and on the Pill, and I have to go for my first one soon. I'm scared and need more info. Thanks.

Long-time J17 fan

● Don't be scared, m'dear, the test is quick and painless. Your GP or family planning nurse will ask you to remove your knickers and lie down on an examining couch. Blush not, as these medical folk have seen it all before. Then the doctor will gently insert an instrument called a speculum into your vagina. This helps to open your vaginal passage so the doctor can view your cervix. It doesn't hurt, but may feel a bit strange.

The seX Files

Boo hiss: a recent teen-sex survey reveals that five out of ten boys don't know what an erogenous zone is! Of course, we sussed girls know it's any part of the bod that feels deliciously tingle-some when kissed, touched, nibbled, licked... you get the picture. So tell your guy to try your neck and ears for a change!

taking the Pill or just wait and see if the spots go away of their own accord?

Reeves and Mortimer fan

● Before you do anything, it's vital that you make an appointment with the medical bod who prescribed the Pill for you and see what he or she has to say. If you stop taking the tablets mid-packet and continue to have sex, you may get pregnant.

But all is not lost. If this particular type of Pill is making you look spottier than 101 Dalmatians (and some Pills may have a tendency to do that, y'know), your doctor will be able to prescribe you another Pill brand that will restore your skin to a zit-free zone.

So don't delay, see your doctor today. And for more info on the Pill and any problems you might have, talk to the nice people at the Brook Advisory Centre (0171-713 9000).

Are my spots Pill-related?

I'm 16 and have been on the Pill for three months. Just recently I've become really spotty, but I've never had acne before. Should I stop

The doc then rotates a swab (a long cotton bud) in your cervix to collect cells. These are transferred to a slide and are later examined in a laboratory. You'll get the results in a few weeks, by post.

In most cases the test is negative – ie, no cancerous cells. But if suspect cells are found, you'll have laser treatment (also painless). Luckily, pre-cancerous conditions are 100 per cent curable. That's why it's so vital to have the test.

The seX Files

If you thought girls were self-conscious in the looks department, then getta load of this: the average 16-year-old bloke spends a whopping 45 minutes in the bathroom getting ready for a first date. Well, you sure had us fooled, lads. Ha ha!

Feedback

I'm writing to help the girl who got off with a nasty lad at a party ('Confidential', 18 December). She says that after she snogged him, he wanted to go further. When she wouldn't, he called her frigid. Now she wonders if he would've asked her out if she had gone along with him.

I want to say that this girl should stop thinking she's done wrong. He was the stupid one! It's obvious he just wanted sex, so forget him – he's not worth it!

AN, Wales

● My sentiments entirely, Miss AN – any lad who expects more than a handshake (well, maybe a snog...) when you first meet is a major prat. Don't let pushy boys make you feel bad. Knowing when to stop shows you're cool, sussed and that you respect yourself. It doesn't mean you're 'frigid' – a stupid word if ever there was one!

Day by day HOROSCOPES

by Jon Ryder



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Aries
21 Mar-20 Apr

The fun time is over. The moment of your question may already have passed. The longer you leave it, the worse it gets.

Sounds too easy to be true? Dead right it is. There's a certain amount of fibbing going on here. Find out the truth first.

Taking a step into the unknown is a risk. But who dares wins, as they say, and this one could be important for the future.

The truth of Thursday's little scheme shows itself today. Did you suss it out, or are you one of the ones left looking silly?

One of the essential truths of life is that the boy who's most unattainable is always the most attractive. Damn!

Little planetary clues suggest you could well be one step nearer to your heart's desire today. Only one step, though.

A serious problem pops out of nowhere. You can handle it, but it means cancelling everything else. You have no choice.

Taurus
21 Apr-21 May

A sweet day at school - all your work comes out just as you hoped it would and sends you way up the class ratings. Don't let anyone talk you out of your good idea today. Not all of your brainstorms are any good, but this one's spot on.

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Cautiously phone him to see if he feels the same way about last night as you do. Will it change the way you view each other?

A deep discussion takes you into certain subjects that you'd rather not talk about. The next question, of course, is why not?

Gemini
22 May-21 Jun

Today's worries are best discussed with your mum rather than your mate. The other way round, you think? Well, you're wrong.

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There's something about that boy that gets your senses tingling when you see him. But you can't quite work out what.

Easiest money you ever made, right? And the easiest money you ever lost, too. Is there a lesson in all this, d'you think?

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Sometimes you're accused of being shallow, but not today. When a mate needs a shoulder to cry on, you're there.

Cancer
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Happy birthday to you! Congrats to steamy soulstress Michelle Gayle, who's 26 on 2 February

WIN! WIN! WIN!



Green Man goodies

Ten lucky readers can win a year's subscription (worth £15) to Mark Owen's fab fan club! With lots of Markie goodies for each fan clubber, including a gorge T-shirt, we've got the Green Man himself to sign it all for ya! To win, do this Xword and send it to: **J17/Mark Owen, Prize Xword 444, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED** by **7 February 1997**.

ACROSS

- 1 & 1 down See photocue (5,8)
- 4 Skunk — (7)
- 8 Sexy Mr Slater, star of *Broken Arrow* (9)
- 9 No Woman, No — (Fugees) (3)
- 10 He's CBCC's aardvark (4)
- 11 Gary from *They Think It's All Over* (7)
- 14 — *Instinct* (saucy Sharon Stone movie) (5)
- 16 & 18 down Baby Bird's flattering opinion (5,8)
- 18 Hugh attended *Four Weddings And A Funeral* (5)
- 20 Donna who will love you always forever (5)
- 21 Gwyneth who's *Emma* (7)
- 23 She's Fred Flintstone's missus (5)
- 24 He's half of a Geordie pop duo (3)
- 26 Sean, the voice of the dragon in *Dragonheart* (7)
- 27 Be — — (Sasha And Maria) (2,3)
- 29 Nicholls who's Audrey in *Corrie* (3)
- 30 Joanna's surname in *Neighbours* (7)
- 31 Boyzoner Lynch (5)

DOWN

- 1 See 1 across
- 2 Eternal member (6)
- 3 Record (4)
- 4 Silverstone who was *Clueless* (6)
- 5 Scottish popstar Lennox (5)
- 6 Did Eternal keep these from you? (7)
- 7 That Anywhere Is hitmaker (4)
- 12 Wide — — (Mansun) (4,5)
- 13 Fit Mr Wolf from *Party Of Five* (5)
- 15 Ray creates a Scottish town (anag 3)
- 17 — — From Heaven (Louise) (3,4)
- 18 See 16 across
- 19 — — Be My Baby (Mariah Carey) (6)
- 22 East 17's record label (6)
- 23 I'll Be — — For You, crooned The Rembrandts (5)
- 27 Leslie from *Men Behaving Badly* (3)
- 28 John Sandford's *Brookside* character (3)

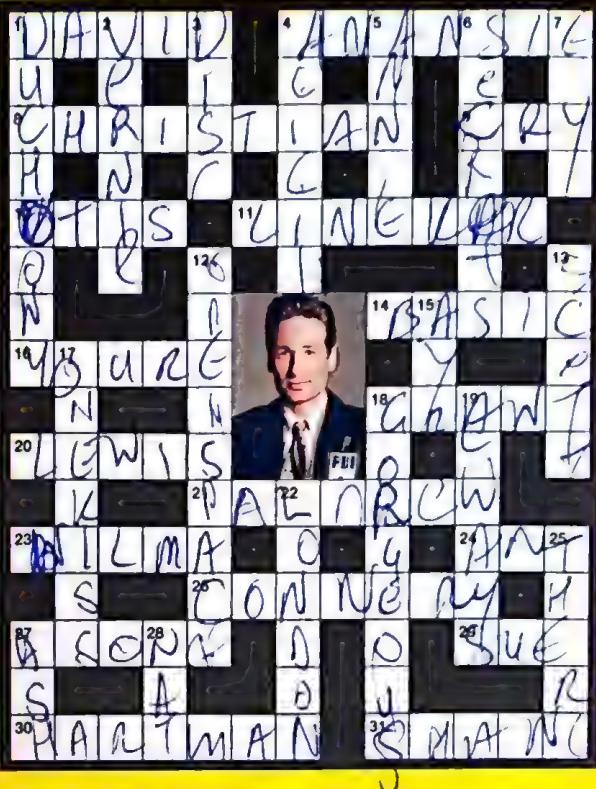
Crossword answers 442 15 January

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Fortean TV

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The buzz Alien stories and weird

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Dangerous Minds

The time 9pm, Sat 1 February

The place The Disney Channel

The buzz

New series based on the

Michelle

Pfeiffer flick.

Annie Potts plays the hero teacher. Skill!



Ocean Girl

The time 6am/2pm, weekdays from Mon 3 February

The place TCC

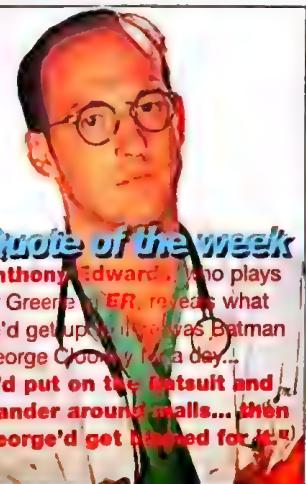
The buzz Fantasy heroine Neri, from under the sea, communicates with a 40-ton whale called Charley. Freaky!

White Men Can't Jump

The time 10pm, Sun 2 February

The place C4

The buzz Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson star in this fresh 'n' funky hoop-shooting hoot.



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Soap Central

Switch onto our weekly round-up

Coronation Street

Samantha convinces bookie Sean Skinner he'd like nothing better than to fling people around at a judo class. Joyce gets a pregnancy test for Judy and Ken Barlow has more women problems. This time it's between ex-wife Deirdre and headmistress Sue Jeffers. Aye-up!



Neighbours

Whooh! Debbie's making some pretty weird predictions and Karl gets a call from his real father, who turns out to be nuttier than a Snickers bar. Cheryl and Lou's split is upsetting Danni, and Libby's less than happy when Toadie and Billy destroy her video.

Emmerdale

Kathy finds out the results of the blood tests and reckons evil witch Kim should have died in the fire instead of her hubby Dave. And now the news of Kelly Windsor's affair with tasty teacher Tom is out, she's decided to run away from home. Whatta silly girl!

Brookside

Sinbad's peeved about Nat and Rachel's relationship and starts playing the heavy parent. Meanwhile, Jimmy's job seeking and Mick's dead proud when Leo stands up to Tinhead.



Home And Away

Sally's completely smitten by Jesse, but Steph and Liam stick to being just good friends. Selena gets the hots for new-boy-on-the-bay Sebastian, only to discover that he's seriously ill.

Hollyoaks

Stan's worried about his lack of girly action, while Tony finds it hard to forget his summer snogs, 'cause his Ibiza photos have been enlarged for all to see. Jambo traipses round Chester on the trail of Anita and Susi finishes her illiteracy exam.



EastEnders

Cathy's now frantic with worry about Phil's non-stop drinking (and we're not talking cups of tea). After much snipin' and sulkin' Carol and Alan manage to have a reasonably sensible chat and the 'stressed-out-resident-on-the-square' award goes to the lovely Joe. Again.

films

Ransom

(15)

The deal Tom Mullen (Mel Gibson) is a rich tycoon who has it all. A pretty wife, a high tech career and a son he adores.

Life couldn't be better until Junior's kidnapped and an FBI



plan to rescue him goes horribly wrong. Cue Mel in action-hero mode as he runs around frantically trying

to rescue his beloved boy. **On screen** 7 Feb **Anita**

video

Moonlight And Valentino

(15)

The deal After becoming a thirty-something widow, Rebecca (Elizabeth Perkins) finds her sis (Gwyneth Paltrow), stepmom (Kathleen Turner) and closest chum (Whoopi Goldberg) rallying round. Finding she's not alone in the personal crisis dept - and with

Jon Bon Jovi as her love interest - it's a flick that'll leave ya warm and gooey! **To rent** 3 Feb **Down**



Food of Love

Who'd have thought it? Grunge queen Courtney Love's rumoured to be up for an Oscar for her role in new movie *The People Vs Larry Flynt*. She lost 20lbs to play sexy Althea Flynt on a silly-sounding diet of egg whites, tomatoes and tuna. Plus the Courtster and her co-star Woody Harrelson - who plays her hub - had to get a bit tipsy before filming the love scenes!



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Finger lickin' lush

We all have to start somewhere. Even Brad Pitt, Hollywood heart-throb and mega-star, had a life before he hit the big time. At home in Oklahoma, the Bradster used to drive strippers to their shows and even got dressed up in a chicken suit to promote a fast-food restaurant. Shows the boy's got pluck!



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music

No diggety

Cute Scottish guitar gurus The Diggers release their *OK Alright* single next week. We bashed lead singer Alan over the head with a haggis and dragged him off for a chat...

OK Alright is quite a sad song, isn't it? "Yeah, it's about splitting up with your girlfriend. Chris from the band wrote from experience. It's good to get things like that out of your system – otherwise you'll just get angry and punch someone."



What's with calling yourself The Diggers? Have you got some kind of building site obsession?

"No. We're named after a group of people who lived in San Francisco in the '60s. They did street theatre and set up soup kitchens for

the homeless. Bands should do more of that." **But you've got a reputation for living it large haven't you?**

Album of the week *La Lu La Roo*

D.O.B.

These Japanese popsters have a trick or two up their sleeves. Not only do they make every kind of music – from twinkly pop to stompy dance – but their CD is interactive if it's bunged into a computer. Just blag a shot on your mate's Apple Mac and you can join in on tracks.



"Some of the things we get up to would make your toes curl. When you're surrounded by blokes, you get up to loadsa mischief."

You're on Oasis' label.

Have you met 'em?

"Yup and they're not as rock and roll as us. But I do feel a bit sorry for Liam, he's under an awful lot of pressure."

Aww! What a caring soul!

Spin It or Bin It



Bush
Swallowed

Bush are an English band who are bigger than Pavarotti's breakfast in the US.

If you kinda liked Nirvana, but



thought they were a bit rough-sounding, then

you'll love this. And they're easy on the eye too!

Michelle Gayle
Do You Know

Woah! Confusingly, the beginning of this sounds like an Oasis song, but then 'Chelle chips in and all's well in Gayleland. 'Chelle's obviously been listening to Alanis 'n'



Alisha's tho', 'cause it's on a strong woman guitar tip. So it's bye-bye

pop and swing girl, hellooo mature laydee.

911
The Day We Find Love

Valentine's Day's lurking just over the

horizon, and who better to share it with you than Lee and co? Listen

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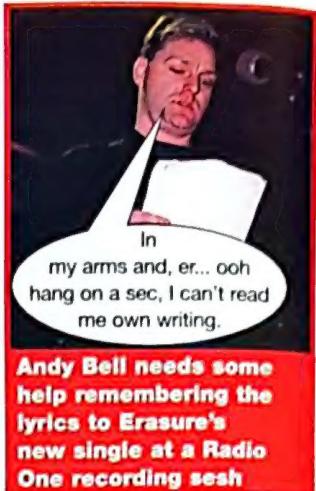


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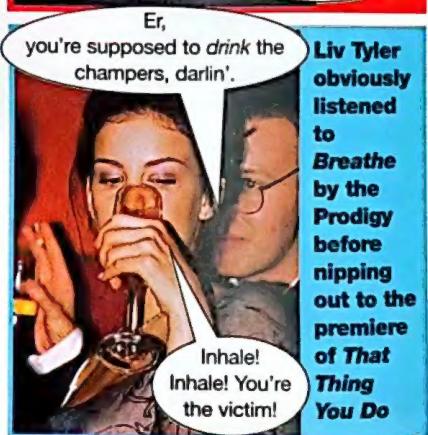
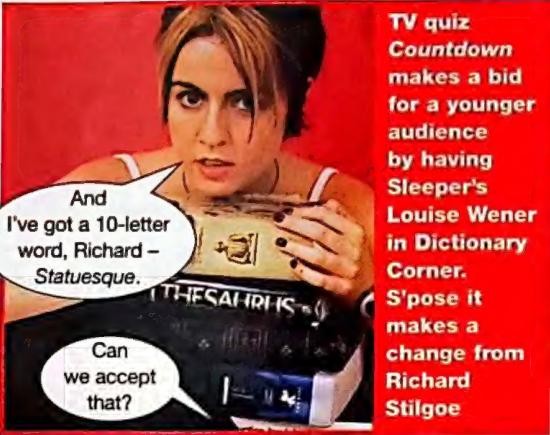
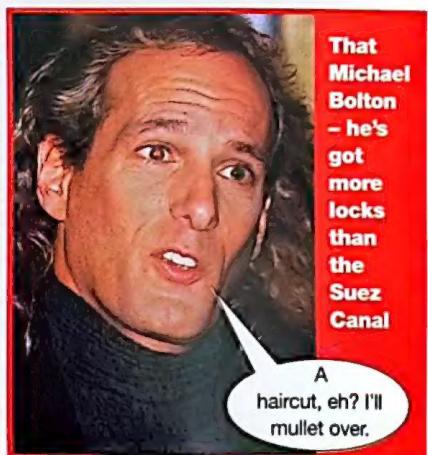
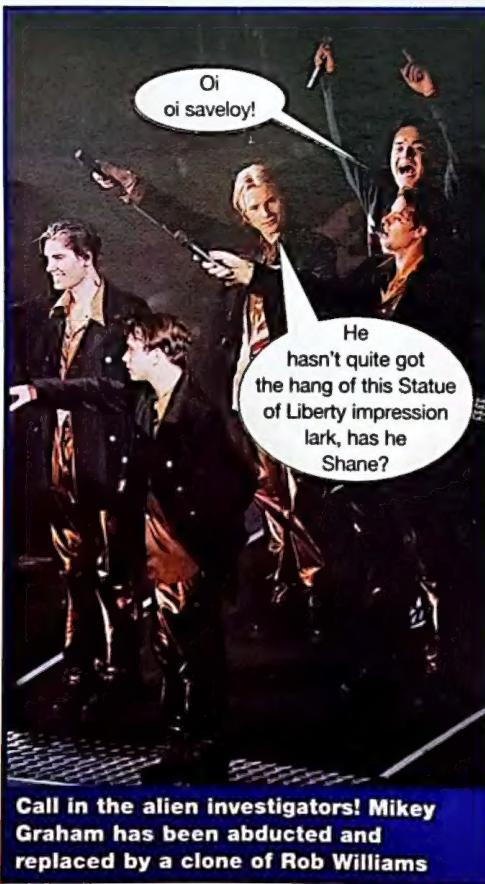
7 days of groovers 'n' schmoozers



Quick flash!

Gather round and gawp at the constellation of stars our Micheal's rounded up this week...

Wendy Richards and Babs Windsor show Bob Hoskins the true meaning of his British Telecom catchphrase



A photograph of three young men, likely actors, posing together in a dynamic, slightly overlapping arrangement. The man on the left is wearing a bright red zip-up jacket with yellow stripes on the sleeves and light-colored pants. The man in the center is wearing a dark, zip-up jacket. The man on the right is wearing a yellow jacket over a red t-shirt with a graphic of a rabbit on it, and brown pants. They are all smiling and appear to be in a playful, energetic pose.

911

just seventeen

A large, high-contrast close-up photograph of Mark Owen's face, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He has dark, wavy hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared garment.

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